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Britain cannot 'rat' on treaty

## Hardline Major goes for broke on Maastricht

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major prepared for a showdown with his Euro-rebels last night, telling Con-servative MPs that he work not "rat" on Maastricht and that they should stop squab-

bling over Europe.
The prime minister's impassioned address to his backbenchers came after the cabinet agreed yesterday morning specifically to de-mand support for the Masstricht treaty in the Commons next week rather than avoid confrontation with an innocuous technical motion. In the words of one of his closest associates, Mr Major decided

First in the Commons and then at the packed meeting of the 1922 Committee, he sig-

### Ronson empire falls to bankers

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

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GERALD Rosson, the flamboyant East End milranged from glittering roy-al charity galas to Ford Open Prison, yesterday lost control of his debtstricken business empire. Banks and international

investors are taking over Heron International, his property and petrol sta-tion group, in return for writing off £400 million of its £1.45 billion debt. The move is a bitter blow for Mr Ronson less than two years after he was released from prison, where he served six months for his role in the Guinness

Once worth an estimated E548 million, Mr Ronson dazzled both the City and society with his wealth. Now his salary has been halved and his stake in Heron cut to 5 per cent. The banks have allowed him to stay on as chief executive to oversee the self-off, but he has been forced to give up his pos-

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In a spirited performance, the prime minister appears to have won over some of the Tory Euro waverers and given strong hints of a package for economic recovery

gamble all on facing down his critics. His resolution appeared to inspire him to one of his most spirited and confident Commons performances for some time, and he continued in similar vein when he met his backbenchers later.

The Conservative manifesto was not an à la carte memi from which they could merely pick the juicy items, he told them. The Maastricht treaty was needed to establish confidence for the economy and strengthen the credibility and authority of Britain within Europe. Foreign investors would not come to Britain if they believed it was sidelining itself in Europe, he said,



adding: "Why should we be able to tell France not to rat on the Gatt talks if we rat on

Maastricht." Calling on his MPs to put aside their wrangling over Europe and get on with dis-cussing the issues, he contin-ued: "We owe it to ourselves. We owe it to the millions who supported us." A united Conservative party was a formidable fighting force, but "The Conservative party when it is divided is not the party I know, not the party I love, and not the party I joined." He also

took a sideswipe at senior figures who have publicly criticised him and his policies in recent weeks, remarking that it was not reasonable "to take matters to television first and to ministers second".

Amid indications that the cabinet is considering tax increases in next month's Autumn Statement, the prime minister went on to hint strongly that painful cuts to be unveiled would be accompanied by a package of economic recovery measures that would be popular with Conservative

Amid signs of cautious but growing confidence on the government side, battle lines were being drawn up last night for the most important vote of Mr Major's premierdelighted that he had decided to stand up to the Euro-sceptics, believing that victory next week will make the subsequent passage of the Maastricht bill far easier.

But Lord Tebbit re-entered the fray with a fierce attack on the government's handling of recent events. He accused ministers of refusing the discass the treaty provisions. While advising Mr Major not to resign if he lost, Lord Tebbit argued that if he did so, it would not bring about an election. The party would rally behind a new leader.

Speaking in Michael Heseltine's Henley constituency, Lord Tebbit blamed the undermining of Mr Major's authority on the David Mellor affsir, the shambles of the attempted defence of sterling and the "grotesque farce" of Mr Heseltine's presentation of

the coal policy.

With Labour committed to ment, and the Liberal Democrats to supporting it, the Continued on page 2, col 8

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### Bomber Harris statue coated in paint



Seeing red: the statue of Sir Arthur Harris in the Strand under attack again

### 'Shame' daubed on £100,000

BY ALAN HAMILTON

memorial

VANDALS have again attacked the controversial bronze statue of Sir Arthur Harris, wartime head of Bomber Command and architect of the carpet bombing of German cities. The statue, outside the RAF church of St Clement Danes in the Strand, central London, and its plinth have been sprayed with red paint and daubed with the word "Shame".

The statue was unveiled by the Queen Mother in May at a ceremony attended by several hundred homber crew veterans. About 200 peace demonstrators tried to disrupt proceedings by spraying paint over onlookers. Three students were arrested but were later cleared at Southwark crown court of plotting to deface the statue.

Former members of Bomber Command raised £100,000 for a memorial to their wartime hero, believing that Fighter Command had captured all the giory of wartime heroism in the air. Since its unveiling the stat-

ue has caused offence, notably in the German city of Dresden, which was devastated on the night of February 13. 1945, with the loss of at least 35,000 civilians and possibly as many as another 100,000 refugees fleeing the advancing Soviet army. During her visit last week the Queen faced some demonstrations, and the throwing of two eggs, from people protesting at what they saw as the insensi-tivity of the Harris statue.

Opponents of "Bomber" Harris view him as a mass murderer, but others believe his strategy of reducing major German centres of population and industry to rubble and submission helped to shorten the war by several months.

### Girl, 14, files to 'divorce' parents

By Frances GIBB

A GIRL aged 14 has obtained a court order which effectively "divorces" her parents and enables her to move out of the family home. The case, be-lieved to be the first in the United Kingdom, comes just weeks after a boy in United States divorced his parents so he could be adopt-

ed by foster parents.
Under the Children Act
1989, it would not be strictly possible here for a child to separate entirely from its parents, because the Act contains the notion of parental responsibility which remains with parents even if they

The Surrey case mirrors the American case, however, in that the girl took proceedings herself, instructed solicitors, obtained legal aid and obtained an order which gives legal approval to her living

Lawyers predict that as the full effects of the Act and the wider rights it gives to child-ren to take legal proceedings are more widely known, such cases will become common. Apart from children wishing to live away from home, lawyers believe that they may will come to court with actions on such issues as schooling, religious upbringing and medical treatment.

Valerie Kleanthous, spokes-Law Association, said however er: "I don't believe there will be many cases where children are seeking orders to remove themselves from living with both parents, because usually the situation is that parents are separated. One or other of the parents is making the application, and the child is

happy to be with that parent."
At least two other children in the US have filed similiar suits against neglectful par-ents since Gregory Kingsley's successful suit.

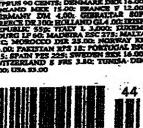
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### Lamont confirms U-turn in 'steer towards growth'

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

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NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday confirmed the Uturn in government economic policy announced last week by John Major, declaring that the government's economic goal had "never been simply to defeat inflation".

He said the government could now steer the economy back towards growth" after the dramatic reduction in inflation and Britain's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism. Speaking to the City at the

amnual Mansion House ban-quet, the Chancellor said that low inflation was a means to achieving sustainable growth. "Just as prosperity can be jeopardised by too lax a policy and too high a rate of inflation, so too, we have now recognised that policy can become too tight."

In a speech that contrasted point by point with his unrepentantly deflationary address to the Conservative party conference three weeks ago, Mr Lamont signalled the biggest change in government economic philosophy since

MAIN POINTS FROM THE SPEECH ☐ Economic policy, which was never simply to defeat infla-tion, will be rebalanced to give even greater weight to growth ☐ Public investment plans protected in Autumn Statement, new accounting rules encourage private infrastructure investment ☐ Independent Forecasting Panel will supplement Treasury forecasts and Treasury will summarise the basis for its policy judgements in Monthly Monetary Reports.

Lords Howe and Lawson introduced strict monetarism into Treasury policy. He also confirmed the government's commitment to maintain its spending on infrastructure and capital investment, and announced a series of organisational reforms de-signed to make the Treasury and the Bank of England more open and accountable in their economic decisions.

Although Mr Lamont's speech was short on specifics about interest-rate prospects and public spending plans, it hinted at a further cut in interest rates and a major shift of resources in favour of public investment, rather than government current spending, in the Autumn Statement in two

government must remain vigi-lant against inflation, Mr conditions had already been eased very significantly since the devaluation of sterling. had no desire to keep interest rates higher than necessary to tion objectives.

In an unusual preview of the Autumn Statement on November 12, the Chancellor said that new government accounting rules would be changed to allow private investment in public spending capital projects. By the end of next year the government accounts Continued on page 2, col 3

Lamont said that monetary However, he added that he meet the government's infla-

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### Yard charges man over Semtex haul

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

A MAN was charged last night with conspiring to cause an explosion and possession of Semiex, after a cache of bombmaking equipment was found in east London. Two other people were being questioned by anti-terrorist branch detectives last night. Scotland Yard said Vincent

James Wood, 29, a sales representative of Leytonstone, east London, will appear before Bow Street magistrates

this morning.

Another man and a woman were being held at unidentified police stations after being arrested in raids in Leyton-stone Scotland Yard believes the seizure of one of the biggest hauls of Semtex explosive on the mainland - found at a do-it-yourself shop in Goodmayes, east London— may have folied a pre-Christ-mas IRA bombing campaign. Forensic scientists are now examining the find, which included 77lb of Semtex, tim-

ers and detonators. The arrests followed a surveillance operation that began after the shop's owner after the general election. hecame suspicious about a tea Diary, page 16 | chest left with him by an old

school friend. He opened it and found it packed with explosives. A woman living near the bome of the detained couple said there had been a lot of activity at the house recently. She said the couple had lived there for about three years and described them as quiet people.

tion the suspects, who are being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, about 14 bomb explosions in London over the past three weeks in which one man died and 11 people were injured.
Most of the explosions, including one in The Sussex pub
near Leicester Square that
killed David Heffer, were caused by small devices, but police have feared a big attack using a large amount of explosives would follow.

The three are also expected to be questioned about other IRA attacks in London this year, including the van bomb that killed three people and caused extensive damage in the City of London the day

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### Mothers blanch as Major unveils naked aggression



MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

A storming comeback by John Major yesterday afternoon saw the Labour leader dive for cover as the prime minister threw logic to the winds and hurled statistics, the CBI and a decadent fin de siècle opera at poor John Smith's bald-

It was the opera that seemed to get Mr Major most excited. Salomé is a rather overheated piece in-volving goatskin-clad proph-ets. naked ladies and severed beads It is nothing like prime minister's questions at all. Performed with a good deal

of bare flesh, fresh blood and sumptuous music. Salomé is the sort of thing my nana would have described as uncalled for. It should never have been included in the adolescent John Major's school syllabus. It clearly turned the boy's head at a susceptible age, and, at 49, he has still not shaken it out of his system, as yesterday

It all started quietly. Desirous of something new to be shocked about, Labour's William O'Brien (Normanton) hoped to tease an extra seven nit closures out of the PM. but failed. Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW), in what was (for Banks) a pretty mellow mood, told the PM he was as welcome in the East End of London as anthrax. This succeeded in quickening the PM's pulse somewhat and Banks was treated to a sub-Thatcherite canter through the mythology of Tory good deeds - a sort of test rank.

And up stood the Labour leader, spectacles glinting in the TV lights, quite ebul-lient, confident that he was armed with an unanswerable question. What did Major make of Foreign Office pessimism about Denmark's new Maastricht

The trouble, for more than a decade now, with asking Tory prime ministers unanswerable questions, is that they do not answer them. Mr Major simply beamed and said he was sure something "positive" would come out of Edinburgh. Mr Smith became agitated. This was

the trigger. Mr Major went wild. On the basis that slaughter is the best form of defence, the PM launched into a noisy and derisive assault on Labour's alleged lack of principle in opposing a Maastricht motion. Mr Smith spluttered that this was "a bit rich", which it

was, but was suddenly mown down by a spirited Major onslaught. From amidst a barrage of confident-sounding prime-ministerial noise, we heard the cry "seven U-turns on Europe" - and then, to our puzzlement, "even Salomé ran out

Salomé? What could Mr Major mean? The opera is an exotic creation in which the fuscious Salome, having failed to seduce the goat-skin-clad St John the Baptist, resolves to destroy him. Clad only in seven veils, she dances before her stepfa-ther. King Herod, his inter-est growing as she drops them. Six down and one to go, Salomé turns a little coy. Herod goes wild, and offers her anything. She asks for

is put violently to death. MPs' jaws drooped as the heated comparison between Mr Smith's dispatch box performance and Salomé's early version of the striptease. "And what he has revealed is less attractive," concluded Major, brutally.

John's head on a platter. In a gory scene this proves forthcoming. Then Saiomé

This was unfair. John 1 Smith has managed to shed quite a bit of weight recently. If he took off his lasses and wriggled his hips saucily as the final veil floated away, Mr Smith could probably inspire in us feelings of amused protectiveness, and possible affection too, though perhaps not desire. But there was now no stopping Major, who was in quite a state.

The prime minister had still not calmed down when Lady Olga Maitland gave him what she called a "warm" invitation to call on her in Sutton and Cheam. No doubt meaning to soothe him, she suggested that the repossession of Surrey homes was reducing and added that Mr Major might include a visit to the hospital there where he was born.

Dear me. With all that had gone before concerning Salome, the sight of the lovely Lady Olga, in red, combined with the mention of childbirth, was too much Mr Major meant to respond to her point about repossession. He said "reproduction". Younger journalists quailed. Labour's deputy leader, Margaret Beckett, dressed in pink, cast down her eyes. Mothers in the Strangers' gallery covered their children's ears. St John the Accountant had flipped.

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## Patten lets opt-out school pick pupils for sporting prowess

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GRANT-MAINTAINED schools will be allowed to select an agreed percentage of their pupils on the basis of ability in non-academic subjects without obtaining formal approval from ministers for a change in admissions policy, under an education department ruling released vesterday.

Under present arrangements, opted-out schools wishing to become selective must take local consultations and apply to John Patten, the education secretary, for a change in

However, in a private letter earlier this month, the department said that schools could bypass these procedures if they selected a limited number of pupils on the basis of nonacademic talents.

We take the view that the introduction of a degree of selection on the basis of ability in aesthetic subjects or sport need not be the subject of statutory proposals, provided that the proportion of places at schools allo-cated on this basis is no more than about 10 per cent of the total," the

The letter was written in response to an enquiry about Langley Park Boys School in Bromley, Kent, which selects some pupils on the grounds of musical or sporting skill.

The letter, released by the advisory service Local Schools Information, increased speculation that the forthcoming education bill, or subsequent

would include measures to encourage selection in the grant-maintained sector. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that the disclosure was an alarming challenge to parental

"It's the thin end of the wedge on the whole question of selection. We believe very strongly that if a school wishes to select pupils by reference to ability or aptitude then they must go through the established procedures, seeking permission from the educa-

tion secretary.

The education department is blurring the edges and saying you can draw a distinction between academic and aesthetic subjects. which we would oppose."

government amendments to it, Michael Barber, head of education at the National Union of Teachers, said that the ruling indicated an insidious return to grammar schools and secondary moderns. "It clearly paves the way for the reintroduction of the selective system which parents and teachers have in the past found abhorrent and educationally

> "Not all schools will be able to carry out selection in this way and you'll then see a two or three-tier system."

> The education department said that the ruling was consistent with existing legislation and that the education bill would contain no provisions to change the policy.

> "We have approved proposals from a small number of grant-maintained schools to admit pupils on the basis of

aptitude for and ability in music, art and PE. But that is the sort of thing that the law has always allowed to local education authorities," a

spokesman said.

Mr Patten clashed yesterday with town hall officials over the removal of surplus school places, which will be a

central theme of the education bill. The Association of Metropolitan Authorities has advised councils not to help the government in its campaign to cut 800,000 places by identifying schools for closure until talks have been held with education

In a written response, Mr Patten said he hoped authorities would tackie the problem "more vigorously" and submit details of their plans by the end of November.

#### Lamont confirms 'steer to growth'

would be redrawn to distin-guish properly between capital and current spending, a dis-tinction that would "help to underpin the commitment to infrastructure investment in the longer term".

Mr Lamont promised to publish a monthly report to make policy and interest-rate decisions clearer. The report, which would be released immediately after his regular meetings with the Governor of the Bank of England, would set out the information on which the government made its policy judgments, "showing the bad news with the good

month by month". The Chancellor also promised that future interest rates changes would be explained in detailed Treasury statements similar to the two-page explanation issued when rates were cut from 9 to 8 per cent two weeks ago.

Mr Lamont said the Treasury's economic forecasting record had been widely criticised and he announced the formation of a new independent forecasting panel, to be drawn from the private sector and the academic community. The panel will meet regularly and publish its assessment of economic conditions. The Treasury will maintain its own internal forceasting unit, but its view will in future be "only one of several which inform government policy". His officials emphasised that the six to 12 panel members would represent a full range of views about how the economy works", acknowledging that some commentators had

nomic thinking as excessively Mr Lamont also accepted for the first time that tighter plans for public spending and taxation could be used to control inflation and allow cuts in interest rates.

described the Treasury's eco-

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Hard times: John Patten, education secretary, and Norman Lamont arrive for yesterday's cabinet meeting

## Ministers battle over need for cuts and tax increases

MINISTERS are considering tax increases to be announced next month as part of their efforts to safeguard big capital projects and to prevent public borrowing spiralling out of control next year.

As the full cabinet debated for the first time a range of options for cutting spending. ministerial sources said that tax increases might have to be part of the package unveiled by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, in his autumn

"It would not be outrageous to say a mini budget is an available option," one source said. It also emerged that some spending ministers were so shaken by the Treasury menu that they intend to put forward rival proposals of

In the Commons, the prime minister also hinted yesterday that higher taxes could be part of the final settlement. Asked about a leaked ministerial memorandum about the tax-ation of invalidity benefit, he said MPs should wait for the

The government's determination to protect capital programmes at almost any cost could lead to confrontation with workers in the public sector

autumn statement for the answer to such questions.

Ministerial sources were insistent that no decisions about possible tax increases have yet been taken. But they indicated that the options ranged widely and that higher income tax was not ruled out. More probable are higher rates of National Insurance contributions which, if they are to be raised, are by convention included in the autumn

Another front-runner, as Mr Major hinted, is the taxation of benefits. Invalidity benefit appears almost certain to be taxed from next April and child benefit could also

fall into the net. As the prime minister made clear in the Commons and Mr

Lamont said in his Mansion House speech last night, a key priority for the government is to insulate infrastructure projects such as road and rail building and the construction of new schools and hospitals. This is seen as one of the best ways of curbing job losses in the recession and of generally

reviving the economy. A higher tax take would enable ministers to press ahead with more of the planned projects without risking a big surge in borrowing. which would threaten to raise interest rates and bring a resurgence of inflation. Alternatively, and much less likely, revenue raised from higher taxes could be pumped directly into capital spending and the £244.5 billion ceiling

preached. The Treasury determined to stick to this target but it appears that some ministers might be pressing for a mild relaxation.

in a further sign of the severity of the spending squeeze, the cabinet spent more than an hour examining possible savings designed to hit the £244.5 billion target without reaching any conclu-sions. Options are believed to include a 2 per cent ceiling on public sector pay rises, a freeze or lower than inflation rise in benefits, defence savings and curbs on planned growth in health and education budgets. Council tax bills next April are likely to be much higher than ministers initially hoped because the level of grants to

town halls is being squeezed.

Downing Street later disclosed that the full cabinet will hold a series of meetings next week, starting on Monday, aimed at finalising Mr Lamont's package of cuts.

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### goes for broke on Europe

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Continued from page 1 Conservative whips have embarked on an intensive campaign to win back enough waverers to secure victory. They need to keep the tally of rebels below 30 to be sure of getting through.

The rebels, who were en couraged by Lord Tebbit last night to take the chance offered by the motion to postpone treaty ratification through defeating the government, said they were expecting a weekend of intense pressure from their constituency associations and fellow MPs. Many remained defiant. Christopher Gill said Mr. Major's move would not weaken his resolve "I am happy it is a substantive motion because we have the chance to defeat and get rid of the Maastricht treaty, which is unwanted and unneeded."

One young rebel, asked last night whether he still intended to vote against the govern-ment replied: "I do not know. Until you go into the torture chamber you do not know

how long you will last."

The cabinet decided its tactics after an hour-long discus-sion during which Mr Major was handed a letter from Paddy Ashdown setting out his party's conditions for backing the government. The decision was said to have been unanimous and all ministers to have spoken in favour of tabling the substantive

Mr Major was buoyed up by having made a decision after days of doubt over strategy and clearly relished Labour's decision to turn the debate into a party political occasion. In the Commons he accused John Smith of "wriggling on Europe and de-dared: "If you cannot keep your principles in opposition, you will stay in opposition." Mr Smith hit back, saying it

was a "bit rich" to be accused of a U-turn when Mr Major had made U-turns on devaluation, the ERM, pit closures and economic policy. But Mr Major's spirited showing delighted senior backbenchers, one of whom said he was "high on adrenalin".

Mr Major told the Commons that if Britain did not ratify the treaty "we would be sending a signal to investors from America. Japan and elsewhere that they cannot rely on our commitment to Europe."

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### Secretary Virginia wins the name game

BY ALAN HAMILTON

HOW do you address a woman cabinet minister? Not, it seems, as Mrs Peter Bottomley MP, who has taken umbrage at receiving a letter addressing her as an appendage of her husband. Mrs Bottomley wishes it to be known among all who may be thinking of writing to her about hospital closures, false teeth, or indeed any matter at all, that her name is Virginia. The source of the health sec-

retary's irritation is The Spectator, a journal of opinion that likes to think it knows a thing or two. It does not, however, know Mrs Bottomley. She wrote the magazine a letter for publication, and it sent an acknowledgement, addressing it to Mrs Peter. So she wrote again to complain, and to apologise for a reference in her original missive to a Spectator columnist, Barbara Amiel, who happens to be

the wife of its proprietor. Mrs Bottomley's second letter, published in this week's issue, assumes that she should have referred to the said columnist as Mrs Conrad Black Sarcastic wit is not extinct in the cabinet. Arbiters of etiquette have Virginia. David Williamson, editor of Debrett's Peerage, principal repository of wisdom on matters of title, said that because the lady in question was a privy counsellor, her correct mode of address should certainly not include her husband's forename, and should not even include "Mrs". To Debrett, she is the Rt Hon Virginia Bottomley MP. As Mr Williamson pointed out, a certain other privy counsellor was

the employment secretary, who would presumably take it amiss to be addressed as Mrs Thomas Shephard rather than the Rt Hon Gillian. Barbara Castle was never Mrs Ted, nor Shirley Williams Mrs Bernard. However, Labour's deputy leader is not therefore, strictly speaking, be addressed as Mrs Lionel A. Beckett, although it is a reasonable assumption that she would not much like it.

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never referred to as Mrs Denis Thatcher. There are many women in the Privy Council, including

privy counsellor and may As for she whose Privy Council it is, the form of

### **EC prosecutes Britain** over Docklands road

MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN Commission officials are preparing to prosecute Britain over a multi-million-pound Docklands road scheme running through Oxleas Wood in southeast

A letter informing ministers of the Commission's intention to press ahead with its claim that the government failed to adhere to EC environmental safeguards over the scheme will be delivered to the government within "five to 15 days", sources in Brussels have told

> WOOLWICH WOOD

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, was asked about the dispute when he attended a seminar on transport and the environment yesterday. He indicated that the government would fight its case in the European Court.

The long-awaited-letter will accuse the government of failing to carry out a satisfactory assessment of the environmental impact of the road scheme, which is part of a proposal to build a new bridge across the Thames at Gallions Reach in east London. It will be accompanied by a second letter, accusing the govern-ment of a similar violation of EC law over the construction of a BP installation in Falkirk.

The road will cut a 120ft corridor through a corner of the 8,000-year-old wood near Greenwich, which is a site of special scientific interest and the last remaining piece of ancient woodland in the

David Black, spokesman for People Against the River Crossing, the umbrella group for the protesters, said last night: "We hope the Commission will continue with the legal procedure as rapidly as

#### The fear that stalks London

CAITLIN Moran, a 17year-old writer from Wolvernampton, came to London and was shocked by the poverty and despair she saw on the mean streets of the capital. "If I lived in London . . I'd be scared and scared and scared." she writes in the Weekend section of The Times tomorrow. "Citydwellers all seem to have razor-wire strapped around their hearts and they move along as if something was pulling them towards an ultimate doom scenario..."

Apart from Caitlin Moran's fresh and frightening eye on London, The Saturday Times is packed with the best of British writing - Jonathan Meades, Frances Bissell and Clement Freud on food and restaurants, Paul Heiney's Farmer's Diary, Peter Ackroyd on Philip Larkin's letters, Lynne Truss on Poppy-Land Jan-Morris on California and Jane MacQuitty on wines for under £3, plus the wit of columnists Peter Barnard, Alan Coren, and

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## Girl of 14 obtains court order to 'divorce' parents

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A GIRL aged 14 from Surrey has obtained a court order allowing her effectively to "diout of the family home.

In what is thought to be the first case of its kind in Britain, the girl instructed lawyers to seek the court order so that she could legally separate from her parents and live elsewhere. The case comes just weeks

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after the publicity in the Uniare the punichy in the On-ted States surrounding a boy. Gregory Kingsley, who di-vorced his parents so that he could be adopted by his foster parents. It is thought to be the nearest equivalent to that case which is possible under the Children Act 1989.

The girl, who cannot be identified, recently instructed the solicitors Hart Brown in Guildford and obtained legal aid for an exparte application, which came up before a judge

The judge granted her a

"prohibited steps" order, which prevents her parents removing her from her new place of abode. Philip Bennett, partner with Hart Brown who heads the family law depart-ment, said: "This case is a fascinating illustration of how the Children Act works.

"It would not have been possible under the old legislation. But the act gives the child a voice, independent from the parents. It enables a child to be directly represented so that the court can take account of the child's wishes."

Under the old legislation, the child could not have initiated proceedings, he add-ed. The child's wishes could have been ascertained only through a guardian or "next friend". But the act enabled a child of sufficient age and understanding to instruct a solicitor to make applications independently to the court.

Children new clients for America's lawyers

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE debate over children's legal rights in America shows no signs of abating, less than a month after 12-year-old Greg-ory Kingsley "divorced" his parents in a Florida court. At least two other children

in the United States, inspired by the Kingsley case, have now filed similar suits against allegedly abusive or neglectful parents. But the avalanche of frivolous suits brought by children against their parents, predicted by right-wing politicians and others, has so far failed to materialise

Gregory sought to termi-nate his mother's parental rights (his father had already conceded the case so that he could be adopted by a foster family. The circumstances of able. Thousands of children suffer similar or worse abuse and are legally removed from their parents' care. But the fact that the boy had made his own decision to file suit, contacted a lawyer and appeared on the witness stand made the Kingsley case unique.

The decision to uphold his

suit and remove him from his mother's care, due to her history of alcoholism, drugtaking and general neglect, was hailed as a breakthrough for children's rights. But many lawyers and child

welfare agencies point out that rather than resort to law in order to settle family differences, more money should be spent on trying to keep families together. In America, \$2.3 billion (£1.46 billion) is spent annually on foster care, while just \$274 million (£174,522) is allocated for services to keep families from fragmenting. The number of children in foster care in America has grown by nearly. 50 per cent since 1985, reaching 407,000 in 1990. Already



by "divorcing" mother

the world's most litigious soci-.ety, children now represent yet another-source of income for America's abundant lawyers. hardly known a decade ago, have become central to the process, by which children define what is in their own "best interests", or have them defined by others. Some critics argue that al-

lowing children to go to court independently leaves them open to further manipulation. American historian Christopher Lasch writes in this month's issue of Harpers & Queen magazine: "The notion that children are fully capable of speaking for themselves makes it possible for ventriloquists to speak through them and thus to disguise their own objectives as the child's."

The belief that children

have independent legal rights is a modern one but the principle that children should enjoy the same rights as adults has been applied hapharardly in the US, varying from state to state, and resulting in a patchwork of legal rights that some child welfare agencies say is insufficient to prevent thousands of children from "falling through the cracks".

approval for her new home because her parents, who are divorced, have in recent months become increasingly reconciled, with her father playing a greater role in family life. Her relationship with her

father was not good and it was the prospect of his return that

prompted her to move out of the home. She has chosen to live with the family of her boy friend where she is regarded as a friend of the family and would he able to stay on even when, as is planned, he leaves home to go to college. She has been

there for some six weeks. The girl, described as mature and sensible and with a clear idea of what she wants, has also changed schools so that she can attend school where she is now living. She is studying for GCSEs and wants to do A levels and go to In this country, the Children

Act brought in the new principle of "parental responsi-bility", which means that parents cannot ever hand over or be rid of responsibility for a child, even if they separate.

However, the act also gave children for the first time a voice in family proceedings so that they could be represented on their own behalf, not just through guardians. Children can also initiate proceedings with the leave of a judge, as here, if the judge considers they are of sufficient age and understanding.

The girl has not given evidence in court, although she may do so at the next hearing. Her wishes were escertained by a court welfare officer who reported to the

A full hearing with all parties represented, including the parents, the woman with whom the girl is now living. and the girl, is scheduled for November 13, in chambers. The court will decide whether to grant a "residence

order" enabling the girl to live The order would not be permanent; it would continually be reviewed by the court. Her mother is seeking "residence order" requiring

the girl to return and live at home. This would have to be backed by a "prohibited steps" order, to ensure the girl complied and to stop her being

Mr Bennett said: "The court will want to consider what is in the child's best interests, what is best for her long-term stability and security; and the question of the child's relationship with her parents. Paren-tal responsibility cannot be removed, whatever arrangements are made. That is a basic principle of the act.

"If the order is made in favour of the child, it simply means different living arrangements. It is not a situation where the parents lose their rights." Nor was there anything to prevent the parents returning to the court with a different application.

### £1.5m high-tech system blamed for London ambulance delays

#### Computer control of 999 calls reviewed

By Michael Horsnell

THE new head of London's ambulance service an-nounced yesterday that he will review the future use of the £1.5 million control room computer alleged to have caused delays that may have contributed to the deaths of up to 20 people.

Martin Gornam, who took over as acting chief executive after the resignation of John Wilby on Wednesday, told ambulancemen that he would need several days to make a were abandoned, it would be the second write-off of a computer system in two years by the London ambulance service. A £7 million system was scrapped after five years

Chris Humphreys, the London regional officer of Nupe, the ambulance staff union, said last night that he would hand over to Mr Gorham evidence of patients who died after delays in response to 999 calls. He would not disclose details.

Mr Humphreys said: "I asked Mr Gorham for a top to bottom enquiry by him. We do not want his enquiry to concentrate solely on the problems of the computer, though that will have to be dealt with first." Ambulancemen are operat-

ing the computer-aided dispatch system at a reduced level after its failure on Monday when it took over full control of the allocation of ambulances and the priority of emergency calls in London. The system now in use allows manual telephone override by control staff.

by radio and claim that the level of computerisation has contributed to 45 deaths since February. They called for a return to a manual system. The service said that no delays in attending emergencies were incurred yesterday. Virginia Bottomley, the nounced an independent review of the service.

should be allocated man



### A short, sharp lesson in accountability

ohn Wilby's resignation as head of the London Ambulance Service points the way out of a larger problem: the loss of confidence in the competence of government in Britain; a competence failure which could be life-threatening to

John Major's administration. The catalogue of systemic failures in British policymak-ing is lengthy. Public opinion is restive that ministers and civil servants seem adrift among profound and evident

fallings in their departments. The recent examples are stark: the collapse of the mainspring of economic and monetary policy on Black Wednesday. The confusion and chaos on energy policy over pit closures. The doubts supervision after BCCL

This week's crime figures imply long-term shortcomings in Home Office policy. John Major's problem is that syndrome could trigger a political crisis without putting right the machine that keeps breaking down.

of Robert Priddle, deputy secretary responsible for enerWhere does the buck stop when there is a failure in the machinery of government? Graham Mather examines the options

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gy policy, is unsatisfactory because it is shrouded in Whitehall secrecy. It implies that civil servants maybegin to be held responsible for policy problems - but against no clear criteria. It would be unjust if failures in the machinery of government led simply to political crises or arbitrary changes in person-nel, but not to meaningful change in the structures that

keep leading Britain astray. John Wilby felt responsible and was seen to be responsible, because the structure of the London Ambulance Service is different from that of much of Whitehall, and especially its policy divisions. The LAS is effectively a health

This status placed him directly in a position of responsibility: closer to the detail than to be visibly accountable for the service he headed. This is the key to improving accountability elsewhere in the public

Current civil service policymaking is a seamless web in which nobody in the system is clearly and visibly responsi-ble. Of course policymaking has many inputs: but it is simply not viable to argue that ministers are theoretically accountable, but not in detail responsible and never resign, whilst officials are merely their agents and never re-sponsible for anything.

he Next Steps process

of creating defined agencies to execute policy must now be extended into ne core of the civil service which creates policy. New focuses of policy would spring up, such as a Monetary Policy Energy Policy Board in the dent of the European Policy the strengths or weaknesses of DTI and a Crime Reduction

Bureau in the Home Office all identifiable, visible and accountable. These functions must be headed by officials who know that success would mean advancement and a new contract, failure departure with fair compensation; the principle already applies to the heads of the new executive agencies in the nonpolicymaking civil service. Compensation is impor-

tant. It is unfair to expect civil servants to resign if they would not receive the two or three years' salary typically offered to private sector senior executives who have to go.

Ministers themselves should not be immune from change. Professor Richard Rose has provided the solution. He proposes ministerial policy directorates at the top of departments which would bring together junior ministers, external advisers and civil servants in a policy team. Unlike the French cabinet stem, members have de-

fined responsibility for areas of policy. In a really serious policy failure, the buck would stop there.

### More children expected to put their parents in the dock

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

CHILDREN are increasingly likely to start court proceedings in their own right as the full implications of the Children Act 1989 become widely Lawyers predicted yesterday

that youngsters might insti-gate a wide range of actions,

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but said that cases like that of the Surrey girl, where children sought to remove themselves from their parents, would probably not be widespread. The act, which came into force a year ago, enshrines the importance of the "voice of the child" in court proceedings. Children can, with leave of the court, initiate proceedings. They can also be represented in any proceedings concern-

ing their future. Valerie Kleanthous, spokesman for the Solicitors' Family Law Association, said that although the act had been in force for a year, its full effects were only just starting to be felt. "I don't believe there will be many cases where children are seeking orders to remove courts might see actions initithemselves from living with ated by children was that of both parents, because usually medical treatment, or on such the situation is that parents are separated, she said. One or other of the parents is making the application and the child is might cause raised eyehrows: happy to be with that parent." conceivably a child might Greater impact was likely to contest a parent's refusal to be selt in the so-called area of give him or her a computer

public law, where children might not wish to have contact with either parent. Allan Levy QC, a specialist in child care law, said that in this field children and organisations were well appraised of their

The government's ratifica-tion of the UN convention on the rights of children, he added would also act as a spur to court actions. I think we will see more cases, particu-larly among teenagers and those nearing 18, where children bring proceedings them-selves, particularly with such a high percentage of marriages breaking up." he said.

"In the past, children have been able to bring cases, but only through the Official Solicitor or a guardian ad litem acting as next friend. But increasingly children's rights are receiving more attention." Elizabeth Lawson QC, a

member of the Family Law Bar Association, said that a more likely area where the

game at Christmas, or being sent to boarding school or having to take part in games." Under the act, the courts had power to make a "specific issues" order, she said. "Why, in principle, if a child is unhappy at public school, should she or he not be able to make an application for the court to deal with the specific issue of whether he or she should not be allowed to go to a day school and stay at home?

children might seek orders was if they were being subjected to a particular religious upbringing. But Miss Lawson pointed out that restrictions existed which would in practice limit the kind of actions that came before the court. The child would have to obtain legal aid and also the leave of the court. In granting leave, the court considered whether the child was of sufficient age and understand-

ing to bring the action.
She added: "It is very easy to get carried away with possibili-ties. The main thrust of the act was to give children whose future is being decided a greater or more structured opportunity to have their voice heard that was previously the case, and to participate and be

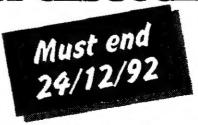
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### Judges free battered woman who killed

A WOMAN sentenced to five

A WOMAN sentenced to five years in prison last November for the manslanghter of herbrutal and bullying former boyfriend was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Janet Gardner, a grandmother aged 52, was released on probation after three judges heard of the violence and abuse she had suffered at the hands of Peter Iles. They agreed that she had spent long enough in ital to "expiate" long enough in jail to "expiate in some measure the guilt she must feel for the rest of her

Women's rights campaigners packing the public benches applauded loudly and Mrs Gardner's daughter, Lousie Salib, wept as the decision was announced. As she left the court, Mrs Gardner said: It is totally unbelievable. I did not dream I would be coming out today.

There are so many other a state of hopelessness and depression following unre-of violence. Something has to lenting physical and verbal

be done before it reaches the same level that mine did." She added: "What happened should not have happened should not have happened. No one has the right to take someone else's life, even though my life was in danger. I deserved to be punished."

She was jailed at Winchester by Mr Justice Swinton Thomas who told her the

Thomas, who told her the sentence would have been longer but for the fact that she had been "provoked in the full sense of the word".
Yesterday, Lord Justice Leggatt sitting with Mr Jus-

tice Rougier and Mr Justice Sedley, said the trial judge had not had the advantage of the detailed psychiatric report on Mrs Gardner that had since here preserved. since been prepared.

Mrs Gardner, of Southsea.

"battered woman syndrome",

attacks. She felt stigmatised by the violence she had endured and had invented reasons for her injuries rather than blame them on Iles. Mrs Gardner's relationship

with Iles had been volatile, the judges said. There had been many violent incidents, in-cluding attempts at strangula-tion, and a knife attack. She no longer had the will to live but lacked the energy or strength to kill herself, according to the report before the court yesterday. In September 1990, Iles

grabbed Mrs Gardner by the back of the neck and banged her head against a door frame. She grabbed a knife to protect herself and stabbed him seven times.

Mrs Gardner's son Kevin Hampshire, was shown to said his mother had kept what have been suffering from was going on a secret. "I do was going on a secret. "I do not think she should have served any time at all. It would appear this court thought that as well."



"I deserved to be punished." Janet Gardner, flanked by her children Kevin and Louise, who never knew of the violence she endured

### DTI 'knew | Thames TV tools were for Iraqi arms plant'

By Lin Jenkins

A SENIOR civil servant warned the trade and industry department that "dirty washing" could emerge when Cus-toms and Excise officials of the export ban on equip-ment for Iraq's numitions industry, the Old Bailey was

told yesterday.

Paul Henderson, former managing director of Matrix Churchill, of Coventry, and Trevor Abraham of Leicester and Peter Allen of Coventry, both former directors of the company, each deny four-charges of the export or poten-tial export of prohibited goods.

Michael Coolican, assistant secretary at the department. Geoffrey Robertson QC, defending Mr Henderson, asked Anthony Steadman, an official in the department, what was meant by the term "dirty washing". Mr Steadman, who had received the

letter, said he did not know. Mr Robertson said the letter referred first to the decision to grant export licences in the knowledge that equipment worth £37 million would be used to set up two munitions factories in Iraq. Another as-pect was that Alan Clark, then trade minister, had in a meeting with manufacturers indicated that licence applications should say the machine tools

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were for general engineering. Mr Steadman had taken care not to write to Matrix Churchill in February 1988 telling them that their licences had been unfrozen as he wanted "nothing on record", he said. Mr Steadman replied: There was nothing surreptitious about it."

The hearing continues today.

### issues writ to secure C5 films

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK

THAMES Television has issued a High Court writ against the ITV Association as part of its fight to retain network films for transmis-sion on Channel 5. It hopes to be awarded the licence for the new channel next month.

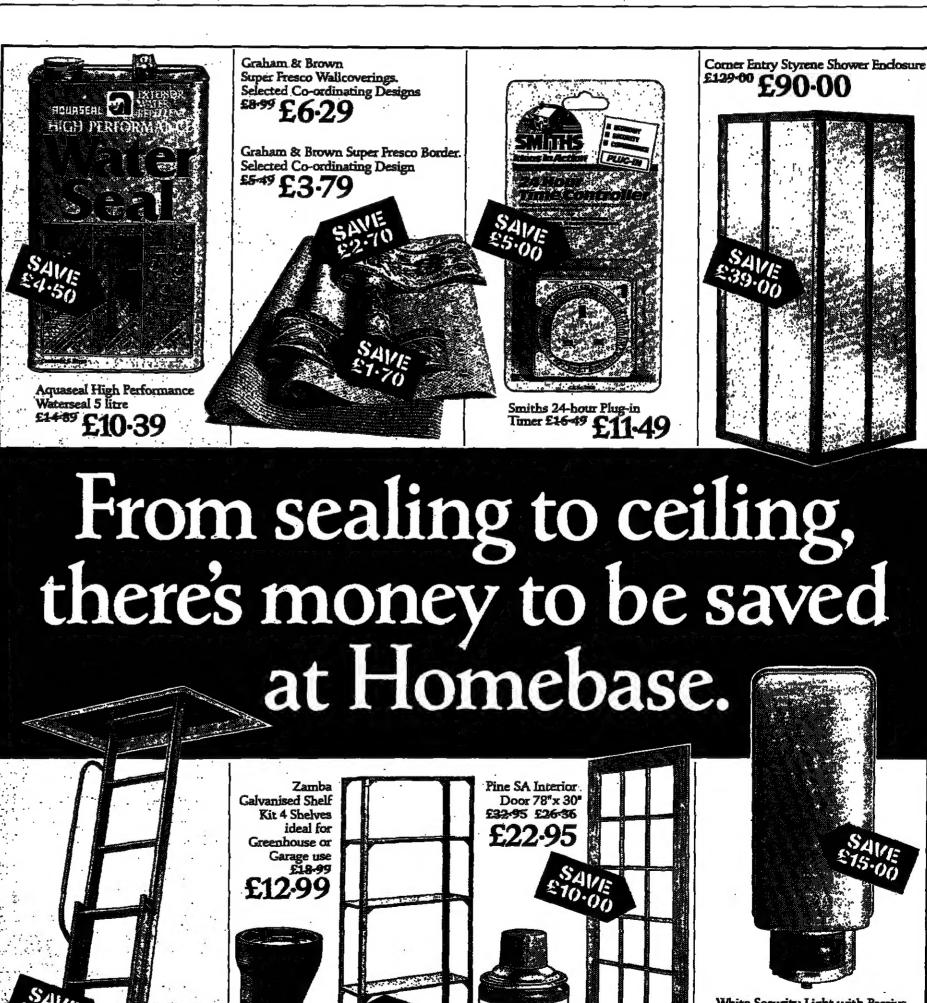
The legal action comes after Andrew Quinn, ITV's new chief executive, informed Thames that rights to such box office hits as Commando and Cocktail were reverting back to the association. Mr Quinn said that under the 1987 film agreement, Thames could sell its share of the rights only to Caziton, which takes over the Lendon IIV has alleged that the 1987 agreement, which restricts the screening of films on channels other than IIV, is a

Thames, which hopes to show the films on Channel 5 and all ITV regions except London on weekdays, denied yesterday that retention of the film rights was crucial to its bid for Channel 5. But a copy of its affidavit leaked to *The Times* said: Thames film rights constitute a very significant source of films available to Channel 5 ... films should take up one-third of the total programming time ... in essence fit will bel a channel for which film material will be

restraint of trade.

very important." The association has until Monday to prepare its defence, the legal costs of which are expected to reach £120,000. A two-day hearing is expected in early December.

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Car industry pay

## Jaguar staff gain 4% rise in efficiency deal

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

FOUR thousand staff at Jaguar yesterday accepted a 4 per cent wage rise to maintain their place as Britain's best paid car workers in spite of company losses of more than

£176 million so far this year. From Monday, assembly line workers will be paid an average of £285.10p a week with another 4 per cent, or an increase equivalent to the rate of inflation, from November 1 next year. That compares with the average daily day rate paid at Ford, Jaguar's parent com-pany, of £262 a week, £240 at Rover and £230 at Nissan.

The increases will set a benchmark for other car companies, including Peugeot Talbot and Nissan, which still have to make awards this year, and hundreds of thousands of workers who are expected to be offered, at best, minimum rises as the government tries to pin down public sector wages.

Rover car workers are also on a pay freeze but will vote next week on a 3.6 per cent rise to take effect from May

next year. Jaguar workers won their rise even though the business has struggled through two of the worst years in its history. Losses last year-were about E200 million and the deficit for the first nine months of this year of \$300 million was announced at the Detroit headquarters of Ford the day before the deal was .

The increases are expected to be paid from big efficiency gains offered by unions. Internal figures show that productivity at the company's Browns Lane factory in Cov-entry improved by 20 per cent last year and should improve another 30 per cent this year

in return for the pay deal.

Jaguar executives were prepared for a battle, insisting that a deal would have to be earned by efficiency improveproved to be among the quickest on record with unions anxious to co-operate to ensure the survival of the company. Part of the pay package

workforce is adopting "best in class" working practices equivalent to systems used by top Japanese manufacturers. There are now no demarcation lines and workers have accepted the terms of versatility and "multi-skilling", which means they will be ready to do almost any job anywhere in the factory.

Jaguar executives see the deal as a fair reward for employees who have seen sales fall by two-thirds from the peak of 1986 and the workforce reduced by about

3.000 in the past two years.
Jaguar said last night "We are improving quality and efficiency at this company all the time. Progress has been remarkable and the workforce has co-operated in all the changes. This is not a pay deal which is ill thought-out or irresponsible but one which responds to the needs of the workforce and which has a payback for the business in



Power of speech: "The future of the church is at stake," says David Silk

### Battle lines drawn as synod nears

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

debate on women priests yesterday disclosed the arguments they will use at next month's General Synod. The result will hinge on the power of speakers on the day, according to the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Ven David Silk. who will lead opposition to the ordination of women.

Mr Silk, joint chairman of the synod's house of clergy, will argue that the church needs a broader consensus before it abandons 2,000 years of tradition. He will contend that the shape of the legislation which has been framed will split the church. The future of the Church of England is at stake." he said. He spoke as Professor David McClean, a member of

the steering committee that drew up the legislation, delivered a powerful lecture at Newcastle University, putting the case for women priests.

Professor McClean, chair-

man of the synod's house of. laity and pro-vice-chancellor of Sheffield University, will be a key speaker in the debate. He said all the legislation was for the benefit of its opponents, except for one clause that makes it possible to change

CHIEF protagonists in the church law so that women can

be ordained.

He said: "The measure contains material designed to safeguard and respect the position of those who find the

priestly ministry of women

The legislation, which needs a two-thirds majority from the bishops, dergy and laity to succeed, depends on about ten synod members in the house of laity changing their minds if it is to succeed. But Mr Silk said he believed that it could be rejected by the clergy. because some who were in favour had changed their

In an interview with The Times yesterday. Mr Silk said: My great fear is that people will see this as an issue to do with discrimination against women. What it is really about is the shape of this particular legislation, and what it will do

to women and to the church." The crucial argument was that the church could not claim to be part of the "one holy, catholic, and apostolic church" and at the same time take a step that would be a serious break with a tradition.

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### **British Coal denies** blocking off mines

British Coal last night denied claims by miners and companies hoping to take over pits that it was deliberately making it impossible to reopen some of its least profitable collieries. The corporation's critics have alleged that essential mining equipment is being removed from some of the ten pits whose future is being reviewed. A British Coal spokesman said: "We stand by our assurances that we will do nothing to jeopardise the fabric of the mines or prevent a colliery resuming production if it is decided that we should do so at the end of the 90 day period."

The head of one company that is in talks with British Coal about taking over some mining operations said that at Talf Merthyr, Mid Glamorgan, British Coal has given contractors 17 weeks to block off all underground passages before the shafts are filled in with stone. He said

passages before the shafts are filled in with stone. He said that staff at Taff Merthyr and in Nottinghamshire mines inave been told that mines and equipment would be walled up unless British Coal could use the equipment elsewhere.

British Coal directors told the parliamentary trade and industry select committee hearing on Wednesday that equipment would be removed only when it was needed for use in mines still in production.

Marriages fall by 4.5%

Marriages declined by 4.5 per cent in 1990, compared with the previous year, falling to 331,000, according to statistics issued yesterday by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. It was the largest decrease since the 4.9 per cent fall of 1981. Divorces rose by 2 per cent to 153,000 in 1990, almost equalling the record in 1985 after an easing of divorce law. The average length of marriages ended by divorce in 1990 was 9.8 years; nearly 24 per cent of divorces involved marriages of less than five years.

#### Rural song for Europe

The Eurovision Song Contest will be held in an equestrian arena in a small village in co. Cork next year (Edward Gorman writes). For the first time in its 38-year history the competition is moving away from the glittering capitals and major cities of Europe to the rural north Cork/ Kerry border. The competition will be held in the village of Millstreet (pop. 1,500) between Cork and Killarney. RTE, Ireland's state-owned broadcaster, chose the village after looking at a number of venues outside Dublin.

#### Reporter honoured

Martin Bell, right, the BBC reporter, swapped his lucky white suit for morning dress yesterday to receive the insignia of OBE from the Queen. Mr Bell, 54, who has covered 11 wars, said he wore the suit only in war zones and for superstitious reasons. The composes Andrew Lloyd Webber, 44, who was knighted, said: "I thought I was a bit young for it, but I am deeply



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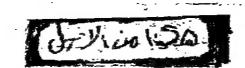
British hotel standards are falling in many areas, according to the RAC. Lyn Gray, hotel services manager, said at an awards ceremony in London yesterday that improvement programmes were being postponed, staff cut and housekeeping and maintenance standards lowered. The RAC inspectorate had recognised the industry's problems but some hotels still had lost their RAC merit awards this year. The Hyde Park Hotel in London was named five-star hotel of the year.

#### Fox man's wife in court

The wife of Robert Wignall, believed to have been numbered last month as he fed foxes near his home, appeared in court yesterday when detectives applied for more time to question her about his death. Sandra Wignall, 47, appeared at Chertsey Magistrates' Court with two men, who are also being questioned about the munder of 55-year-old Mr Wignall, whose body was found last month in woodland near his home in Addlestone, Surrey. Mrs Wignall was arrested on Wednesday.

### Surgery cuts stroke risk

Between 500 and 1,000 people a year in Britain could be saved from having strokes by greater use of a proven technique, according to the Association of British Neurologists. An article in this week's issue of the British Medical Journal says that an operation to clear obstructions from the carotid artery in patients who have shown warning signs of stroke can cut the risk over the next two to three years by 75 per cent. Two international trials have shown the effectiveness of the method.



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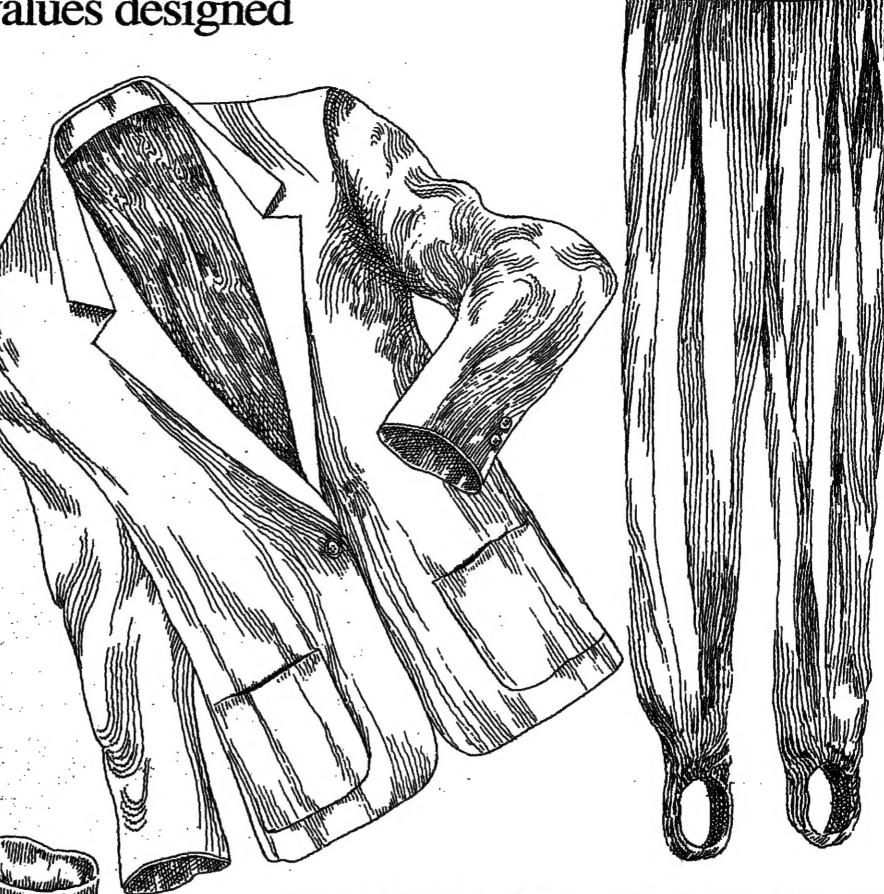
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Our catalog is no competitor to the works of Dickens, but we submit that it will reward thoughtful reading in these days of wobbling international economies. Our Direct Merchant policy, for instance, lets us deal directly with you, without paying toll to the middlemen who clutter the average retailer's path from his factory to you. This lets us make of "value" a truly meaningful word, defined in pounds and pence, not stuff and nonsense. And our GUARANTEE is one of substance as well, leaving us no escape clauses in our promise to stand behind our every sale.

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## Home Office accused of hiding prison drug abuse

HOME CORRESPONDENT

DRUG seizures in jails represent only the tip of an iceberg of drug abuse by prisoners that the Home Office is unwilling to acknowledge publicly, the chief inspector of prisons said yesterday.

Prisoners in some jails were offered free drugs to induce a habit while in almost all closed penal establishments pressure was applied to prisoners to smuggle in drugs during visits and on their return from temporary release. Judge Ste-



Turnim: "Clear cases of

■ Soft drugs have taken over from cigarettes as the main currency in Britain's jails, with officers accused of turning a blind eye to drug barons

phen Tumim said that illegal drug-taking remained a serious problem with new inmates frequently finding themselves in debt to "drug barons".

It was time for the prison service and Home Office to acknowledge the extent of drug-taking in prison and the difficulties confronting prison officers in attempting to counter drug abuse and smug-gling. Some staff acknowl-edged the benefit of moderate amounts of alcohol and cannabis being available to prisoners, the report said.

Governors were most con-cerned with the presence of Class A drugs with the implication that, as long as abuse of soft drugs did not lead to serious difficulties, they would tolerate their presence. It was difficult to draw firm conclusions about drug abuse because the underworld in prisons asserted its own tight control. The chief inspector added that all those he met accepted that the occasional

drugs find represented "the tip

of a substantial iceberg".

The report said: "Clear proven cases of possession are rare. Long periods of boredom and a lack of positive approach to drugs in many prisons. together with natural feelings of claustrophobia, feed the appetite for drugs amongst many prisoners who may not be so easily tempted outside."

In the annual report, Judge Turnim said that big prison disturbances often became more frenzied as a result of drug consumption and that drug-smuggling was a signifi-cant area in which staff could be tempted to indulge in corrupt behaviour. At Long Lartin jail in Eve-

sham, Hereford and Worcesand in other establishments. Judge Tumim said that he had heard of inmates being offered free drugs to induce a habit while at Wymott near Preston, Lancashire, the report said:

other prisoners during the night when staff supervision was minimal."

Figures released in February show that the number of people in custody for drug offences was 3,150 out of a prison population of 45,000. But the figures do not take account of those with previous convictions for drug offences or those with drug habits not linked to their conviction.

Judge Turnim said that

senior prison officers in one prison had admitted that success in limiting drug-smug-gling during visits could be achieved only at the expense of damaging relationships be-tween staff, families and pris-oners. "To do this was considered too high a price to pay. Society can no more expect total control over the presence of drugs in prison than elsewhere," the report

It added that without resorting to draconian measures such as forbidding free contact way of preventing drugs being smuggled into prison if a prisoner was determined to get illegal substances.

☐ Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons April 1991-March 1992 (Sta-



In the spotlight: Aleksandr Rodchenko's tribute to the 35mm Leica camera

#### Leica image sets record at auction

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

THE record for twentieth century photography was London yesterday when a stylish 1934 image of a woman carrying a Leica cam-era by Aleksandr Rodchenko. the Russian Constructivist artist, sold for £115,500 to a estimate had been £16,000.

"People were determined that particular image was the one they wanted," said Lindsey Stewart, a Christie's expert. The subject was the photographer Evgeniia Lemberg.

The previous record for a twentieth century photograph was \$165,000, paid in April 1991 for a still life by the Mexican Tina Moderni ☐ A picture by the British artist Francis Bacon, who died in April, is expected to make more than £1 million at Sotheby's in London on December 3. Study of a Nude

with a Figure in a Mirror is dated 1969. ☐ Twenty watercolours by Adolf Hitler which belonged to Rodolfo Siviero, the Italian minister responsible for repatriating art treasures looted by the Nazis during the second world war, are being sold in Trieste on November 20.

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SOME CAMCORDERS HAVE MORE BUTTONS THAN SENSE.

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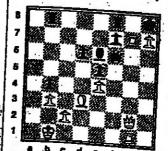
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If you want buttons for decoration though, don't buy a Canon, become a Pearly King.



### Study links pills to heart death in women

BY NIGHL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

Computer

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BY KEVIN EASON

dreds of drivers "conning"

being sent in by employees to cover repair and maintenance:

In addition to mistreating their cars, some employees

have been engaged in fraud,

filling their spouse's cars with

petrol using company fuel cards, even filling spare petrol cans for their own use or billing the company for hav-

ing private cars repaired.

Cowie was asked by corpo-

rate clients, who lease 60,000

vehicles a year, to find a way of

examining costs. The computer can check the average fuel

consumption of a model of car to discover whether drivers are

using too much petrol, which

may indicate fraud or over-fast

driving. Each garage invoice can be checked to discover

whether cars are using too

many tyres, brake pads or clutch cables and then find out

the correct cost of replacement

Robert Blower, Cowie's cor-

porate communications man-

ager, said: When the economy was booming, fleets

allowed things to become

slack and did not monitor the

"Now things are tight, they

want to control their costs

much more carefully. What we discovered was that 95 per cent of company car drivers look after their cars and do

everything above board, but

the other 5 per cent cost their companies dearly."

BOBBY Fischer stands one

game from victory in his chess

championship match against

Boris Spassky, after winning

the 25th game in Belgrade on Wednesday night. He has nine wins to four.

Fischer selected one of the

sharpest variations with the

white pieces against Spassky's

habitual Sicilian Defence. On

the minth move, the players

eastled on opposite sides of the

board, indicating that there

would be a violent race for

each side to destroy the enemy

king. Fischer's fifteenth move,

hurling a knight on to a heavily defended enemy

Fischer win puts him

one game from title

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

costs of their company cars.

BRITAIN'S biggest hire com-YOUNG women who take pany has set up a computer tranquillisers or anti-deprestrap to catch company car sants appear to have a 17 cheats, who could be costing their firms £50 million a year. times greater chance of dying of a heart attack. The finding Cowie Interleasing's investiemerged in the course of an stors have uncovered huninvestigation at Oxford University of fatal heart attacks in their companies, and garages women between 16 and 39, of overcharging, confident that few companies checked bills which there are only about 50

The study, reported in this week's issue of The Lancet, covered all women in this age group in England and Wales who died of a heart attack between January 1986 and December 1988. The original heart deaths and oral contraexptives, but GPs were also

ked about other drues. The team, led by Dr Marga ret Thorogood of the Depart nent of Public Health and Primary Care at Oxford doubled the chances of a fatal heart attack, though the munbers of women dying in this age group of heart attacks are - about 50 a year.

es to the questionnaire also rate among users of tranquil-lisers and anti-depressants. Because the study was not designed to study this possibility, Dr Thorogood says the results should be interpreted very cautiously", but the association is so strong that it merits further study.

She says that women on tranquillisers or anti-depres-sants should not worry for the moment. 'This study is not a reason for giving up the pills." she says. "But I do think the whole question should be looked at more closely to see if the association holds true."

square, was a big surprise, but it turned out to be a stroke of

genius. Thereafter, his attack

gained momentum with every

move and, by the twenty

ninth, it was clear that his

be decisive. Spassky resigned on the thirty-fifth move.

☐ Michael Adams, 20, the

grandmaster from Truro.

Cornwall, scored the greatest

success of his career in the

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Game 25: final position

THE TIMES FRIDAY OCTOBER 30 1992

European court upholds women's right to information on clinics in Britain

## Irish ban on abortion facts is ruled illegal

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish government was yesterday found guilty by judges in Strasbourg of a fundamental breach of human rights for preventing women from having access to information about abortion clinics in Britain.

In a verdict that was applauded by women's groups in Ireland and Britain but criticised by the pro-life lobby, the European Court of Human Rights dismissed Irish government claims that the ban was necessary to uphold the pro-life clause in the nation's

constitution. Rolv Russdal, the Norwegian president of the court. said the restraint imposed on giving information to the esti-mated 4,000 Irish women. who seek abortions outside Ireland every year was disproportionate to the aim of the: pro-life clause. He said the

THE European Court of Hu-

man Rights boasts a 95 per

cent rate of compliance with its

rulings by member states of the Council of Europe. But there are few senctions by which states can be brought to

book if - as happened with

the Irish government - they drag their feet over implemen-

tation and take years to intro-

Michael O'Boyle, an official

duce the relevant legislation.

at the court in Strasbourg, said

that there had been no cases

where governments had re-

fused to comply, although

occasionally governments had

taken years to implement

One was a Belgian case in

the early seventies concerning

the country's laws on rights of

succession and how these dis-

criminated between legitimate

and illegitimate shildren. The

court found multiple breaches

of the convention and it took

the Belgian government some

12. years to bring in the

The British government, which has one of the worst

records in terms of the num-

ber of cases brought against it,

has nonetheless proceeded to

comply with the rulings.

Changes in the law have been

prompted in such areas as-

prisoners' rights, contempt,

immigration, telephone tap-

ping, terrorist laws and corpo-

The committee will sum-

mon a government if it re-

gards it as being tardy in

complying, or if the legislation

falls short of enshrining the

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Watchdog's bark is

worse than its bite

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Women's groups are celebrating after the European Court of Human Rights overruled an Irish ban on access to details of abortion clinics

court accepted that individual national authorities in the Community had "a wide margin of appreciation" in moral matters, but Ireland's attempt to block information to preg-nant women, regardless of their age or state of health, was "over broad and disproportionate".

The court awarded costs and damages totalling £195,000 to Open Door Counselling and the Dublin Well Woman Centre, which were banned from providing information by the Irish Supreme Court in 1988 and subsequently appealed to the European Court.

which has never happened, it could be expelled from the

Council of Europe. More real-

istically, once countries are

signatories to the European

Convention on Human

Rights, there is a moral duty to

comply with its principles, coupled with the pragmatic need to maintain a good

image with the European Commission.

David Pannick QC, a spe-cialist in European and hu-

man-rights law, said: "As is generally the case with inter-

national law, it is the

practicalities that matter. If a

government does not comply, an individual could bring it

back before the court again.

But what is more compelling

is the fact that governments

depend on the goodwill of the

commission and court as new

cases come up; and it does not

assist them if they are seen to

have defied the court's previ-

ous judgments."
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There is a view that the Economittee of Ministers could.

he seen to take a far touigher

line than it does with renegade

governments. "It allows itself

to be soft-soaped," one observ-

er said. "It is not particularly

rigorous in the exercise of its

problem of implementation

was probably academic. Polls-

in advance of the proposed referendum have indicated

widespread public support for

the right to information (such

as on abortions) and the right

to treatment; and the Irish

government has indicated it is

willing to see such laws come

In yesterday's case, the

earlier this year in the case of a 14-year-old rape victim who was allowed to have an abor-tion in Britain after initially being prevented by the High Recent opinion polls suggest the information wording and related wording on the

expected in Dublin for some

constitution in line with Euro-

pean law by including, in three constitutional referen-dums to be held in early

December, language affirming the right of women to

However, the referendum

language did not arise directly from the Well Woman and

Open Door case but as a result

of a Supreme Court judgment

right of women to travel abroad will be carried by a large majority in December. In Dublin, staff at the Well Woman Centre, who have battled for seven years for the right to counsel women seeking terminations abroad, appealed to the government to

change the law immediately.
Caroline McCamley, the
chairwoman, said the centre
was seeking legal advice on when and how it could resume its services. She said the provision of information on abortion did not cause women to seek terminations, as the prolife lobby had claimed.

Ruth Riddick, director of Open Line Counselling in Dublin, said: "It has been a long haul since 1985. We have been seven years waiting for this judgment. It looks to me now that we are back on the road of seeing non-directive pregnancy advisory services for Irish women.

"As full members of the

European Community, we must be in a position to provide information about services lawfully available within the Community."
Tony O'Brien, the chief

executive of the Irish Family Planning Association, said the. decision vindicated the stand taken by many women's groups against what he called the "irresponsible and antihumanitarian policy of the Irish government". The pro-life lobby attacked

what it interpreted as another step down the road to the institution of abortion referral services in Ireland. Marie Vernon, spokeswoman for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, appealed to the government to ignore the judgment, which she believed would not be backed by a majority in the December



Seven-year fight: Ruth Riddick, director of Open Line Counselling, which was awarded costs and damages

### Nature fund fears loss of ancient forests

By MICHAEL McCarthy, environment correspondent

for the future, outlined in the

organisation's annual report.

Organisations campaigning

to save native trees have main-

tained that planting fir trees in

straight lines in Scotland,

where they do not grow natu-

rally, is not the best way to

Raymond Johnstone, chair-

man of the commission, said

that the organisation recog-

nised that substantial work

was needed to restore forest

areas. There is a growing

appreciation of the value of

what has been lost and an

understanding that much of

the remaining woodland will not survive without active management," he told a press

conference in Inverness.

One of the first steps for the new panel of specialists is to

advise the commission on how

this policy can be carried out. I the technology and costs.

manage forests.

NINETY per cent of the world's ancient temperate forests in lands outside the former Soviet Union have now disappeared, the World Wide Fund for Nature has announced. Much of what remains is under threat, the fund said, in a report believed to contain the first estimate of

Countries severely affected include Scotland, which now has only 1 per cent left of its natural forest cover - forest that was not planted by man - and 80 per cent of that is threatened by over-grazing of sheep, cattle and red deer, much of which is governmentsubsidised, says the report. Forest In Trouble.

"Current forestry practices are deplorable in most temperate countries, and must be. WWF's senior forests officer. said. "Acid rain, pollution. inappropriate legislation and the conversion of old growth forests to plantations are all having a severe impact on

The Forestry Commission yesterday announced that it was setting up a new advisory panel to examine threats to native woodlands in the Scottish Highlands and determine what steps were needed to protect and expand the forests. Improving standards of woodland management was one of the commission's key policies

### Satellite points way to cinema's future

By Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent

THE death of the celluloid film and its traditional projectionist is being predicted by engineers who have unveiled a method for transmitting films to cinema screens via satellite.

Film-goers in parts of the country such as the Highlands, who often have to wait months to see the latest releases, could soon be seeing them at the same time as Londoners and New Yorkers.

The possibility of satellite cinemas is emerging with the development of digital satellite broadcasting techniques and high-definition television technologies. Engineers at the European Telecommunica-tions Satellite organisation in Paris (Eutelsat), of which BT is Britain's representative, have been carrying out studies into

Philipp Rousseau of Eutelsat said that so far the equipment needed to display an image of 35mm film quality could fill only the smaller cinema screens and was very expensive. However, he said that it could be a matter of only three to five years before technology and costs improved to rival traditional film distribution. The technology might be seen

The potential for satellite cinemas was demonstrated in London this week. An audience at a BBC studio watched a widescreen film version of Kenneth Branagh's Henry V. transmitted by BBC engineers at Kingswood Warren, Surrey, via a geostationary Eutelsat satellite.

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#### STATES TO SEE SE Judge cuts school sex sentences

The headmaster and teacher jailed for ten years for sex assaults on young boys after the offences were exposed by the television programme That's Life had their sentences cut to six years by the appeal court in London yesterday. But it dismissed appeals

against conviction by Philip Cadman, 74, who owned Crookham Court School near Newbury, Berkshire, and Wil-

liam Printer, 36.
Lord Justice Watkins said both men had been of good character and their careers were ruined. "Cadman is now an old man. The sentence is crushing on him," he said. The court saw no reason to distinguish between appellants.

#### Duke fined

The Duke of Westminster was fined £250 with £25 costs by Tynedale magistrates at Hexham. Northumberland, yesterday after he admitted driving at 9 I mph in a 60mph

#### Mugger flees

A man who hit a woman's park at Brighton. East Sussex, after trying to grab her hand-bag, fied and told a passer-by to call an ambulance. The mugger was white, aged 25, and 5ft 6in.

#### Museum piece

A 20ft Cruise missile with its launcher and transporterhave gone on display at the Imper-ial War Museum at Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

#### Paraglider dies

One of Britain's leading paragliders, David Sigorney. 37. was killed in Lanzarote when a gust of wind caught him as he was helping a student.

#### Turkey banned

New food hygiene regulations have forced schools in Norfolk to reject the traditional offer of free Christmas nurkeys from the county's farmers.

Ring of the new Britain's first public telephone to run on solar and wind pow-

#### The way it isn't CRAIG BROWN



THE big chains of booksellers now wield such power that their representatives are asked to publishers' book-launch parties, a practice unheard

of ten years ago. When I had a launch party for a new book last week the small room was crammed full of these chain-store booksellers, all drinking away merrily. The publishers were insistent that their presence at the party would boost sales, so I was more than happy to see them there amidst the bottles.

Half-way through the party, one of these booksellers explained his presence to a friend of mine. "I go to as many of these launch parties as I possi-bly can," he said, "so that I can go on the piss." By chance, the very next day the same friend of mine went into one of the stores this man was representing. to buy a copy of my book.
"Never heard of it." said the assistant blankly.

But this is possibly an improvement on a performance at Foyle's a few years ago. Another friend of mine dropped in at midday. "Where would I find Ulysses?" she asked the assistant. "He's out for hunch, but he should be back in quarter of an hour," came the reply. She then thought to ask for Joyce, but decided against

### Business park wins award

BUSINESS park in Newcastle upon Tyne, recently built on what was a denelict and contaminated 60-acre site 50 years. formerly occupied by an engineering and armaments factory, is named today as the joint winner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' annual environmental

awards competition. The site was acquired in 1981 by the city council, which hoped to sell it for mixed development, but its scheme was a failure. Five years ago the site was handed over to the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation which, in partnership with Dysart Developments, created

BY JOHN YOUNG 670,000 sq ft of offices and fight industry, said to be the largest business development in the North of England for

The judges said the development has "engendered business confidence in the region and improved external perceptions of the city of Newcastle. A gifted team has created a pleasant working environ-ment out of derelict land."

The other joint winner of the urban renewal award is the Canning Street conservation area in Liverpool, which was at the centre of the ·Toxteth riots in 1981. It comprises probably the finest example of Georgian residen-



Born again: the offices built on derelict land

tial terraces in northern England. The area has received substantial financial assistance from English Heritage, whose chairman, Jocelyn Stevens, nominated it this week

as a cause for particular pride. The Rics building conservation award goes to the British Railways Board for the modernisation of Liverpool Street station which, the judges said, "was perhaps the most unwelcoming of the London termini until the present project was undertak-en". The beauty of the original architecture has been adapted for modern use, with no diminishment of its original

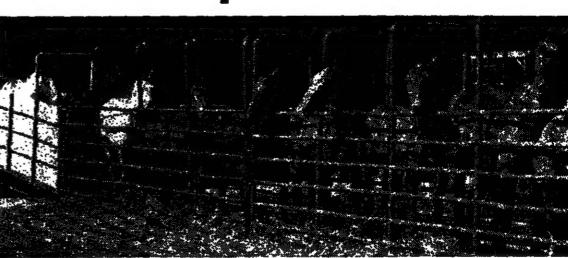
quality, their report says.

The restoration of the west doorway of King's College chanel, Cambridge, receives the craftsmanship award. Earlier repairs to the magnesium limestone had been largely unsuccessful, but the new work was described as exemplary".

The winner of the most efficient building award is Stansted airport, Essex, which has had wide public acclaim. In the judges' words "The atmosphere is of cool efficiency, which promotes confidence in its users and reduces the tension and stress involved in air travel.

Success in urban renewal demands a mixture of visual quality, social and economic benefit and contribution to the needs of individuals and communities, the report says. Single use "ghettos", where an office block or housing estate monopolised the landscape, have impoverished urban life. Today's best developments integrate housing with businesses, shops and leisure facilities. helping to generate a sense of community, it says.

# We'll keep fighting until temporary means permanent.



Here in Britain we have laws which prevent the live export of the 'Minimum Value' regulations horses for slaughter on the continent. It is a cruel, barbaric trade in which equines suffer needlessly.

With the introduction of the single European market, we were in danger of losing that protection from January 1993.

With the help of other animal welfare charities, we waged a major campaign at home and in Europe and eventually we won a partial

The Europarliament agreed that could be retained, but only

There is a very real danger we could still lose, unless we keep applying pressure. As the world's leading equine charity, we will not stop fighting until we have a permanent solution to the horrors of live equine export from Britain.

We believe that if there has to be a meat trade, then it should be on the hook and not on the hoof.

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## Britain pushes for compromise over Maastricht treaty

BY MICHAEL BINVON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BRITISH officials yesterday expressed confidence that negotiations can begin immediately on Denmark's proposals for amendments to the Maastricht treaty as soon as these are handed over to the British presidency of the European

The proposals are to be endorsed by the Folketing, the Danish parliament, today, and will be officially forwarded to Britain by Monday. Britain will then table a prompt discussion by EC foreign ministers at their next meeting in Brussels on Nov-

Whitehall officials, embarrassed by the inadvertant dis-closure of a Foreign Office memorandum last week which raised doubts over the willingness of other EC states to accept Denmark's demands, yesterday predicted tough negotiations among the Twelve but said agreement was likely before the Edin-

These hopes were immediately dampened by Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, who said Denmark could not have the legally binding agreements it and although some states

TAX levied on the national

lottery should be less than 20

per cent, the Treasury has

conceded. National heritage

ministers have won their case

for a far lower rate of tax than

the 37½ per cent duty imposed on the football pools.

although the exact level has

not yet been settled.

The Treasury has agreed

that the lower tax will

maximise the proceeds to be

spent on "good causes", cover-

ing the arts, heritage, sports,

charities and the govern-

Peter Brooke, the national

heritage secretary, is planning

to publish the national lottery

bill in early December. The

tax rate will be set in a future

So far amendments tabled

to the European Communities

(amendment) bill, ratifying

the Maastricht bill, run to 64

pages. The back-of-the-enve-

lope estimate done by whips

on the length of the committee

stage scrutiny starting next month stands at 250 hours.

Predictably the most preva-

lent signatories are the two

groups of Euro-sceptics on the

ment's millennium fund.

**Treasury concedes** 

lower tax on lottery

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

■ Despite the scepticism of Jaques Delors, British officials are confident of agreement on European union

seeking to add to the Maastricht treaty. "You can only solve the Danish problem by adding interpretative declarations, you cannot add a protocol because it has the value of a treaty," he said.

British officials have long recognised this difficulty, but hope that some legal loophole can be found that could give EC declarations sufficient weight to satisfy the Danes without reopening the Maas-

Britain will put forward options and suggestions at an informal conclave of foreign ministers for which no date has yet been fixed. Officials were anxious yesterday to un-derline Britain's positive as-sessment of the Danish proposals, which they hope will be received by other members in an atmosphere that will encourage

"Our task as president is to have a real negotiation with-out too much disruption," one said. The Danish proposals did not set things in concrete,

benches who are demanding a

referendum and widespread

changes to retain powers with-in the British Parliament.

yesterday, the employment bill, the latest tranche of

restrictions on trade unions,

has been held up for fear of

provoking public outrage. The paving bill for British Rail and British Coal privatisation has also been pulled in the Lords

until the protests over pit

a tough time with a range of

other measures recently intro-

duced. Grumbles from Tory

MPs and peers have already

been directed at the leasehold

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penalise bankers.

reforms in the massive hous-

Business managers predict

As disclosed in The Times

would object to some aspects - France, for example, was unlikely to agree to a Danish opt-out from a common defence policy - there was enough room for manoeuvre and compromise.

The government's embarrassment at the gloomy initial assessment of the proposals was mitigated by the ratification of Maastricht yesterday by Italy and Spain.

In Madrid three members

In Madrid three members of the political wing of the Basque separatist organisation Eta, in only their second appearance in parliament, were the only MPs to vote against ratification yesterday. After the two-hour debate, Felipe González, the prime minister, said: "From the gov-ernment's point of view it is very satisfactory that the Congress has authorised the ratification that we had to produce for this treaty that without doubt closely unites the future of Spain with the future of

Italy ratified the Maastricht reaty with a resounding vote of support in the lower house of parliament. The Chamber of Deputies voted 403 in favour of ratification, 46 against with 18 abstentions, to give the definitive seal of approval to the treaty, which is seen as a vital source of discipline for the country's chaotic public finances. Italian opinion is over-

whelmingly pro-Community and there has been little soulsearching over the potential loss of sovereignty inherent in European economic and monetary union. The Senate approved the treaty on September 17, just before France voted in a referendum on the issue. Prime minister Giuliano Amato described the hurried Senate vote as a means of "giving a helping hand to our French friends".

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### Turmoil suits Ashdown the warrior

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

P addy Ashdown is temper-amentally an activist, who thrives on a fast-changing political scene. So he sees opportunities for his party in the current turnoil, as well as obvious dangers. Talking in his Westminster

office about the current political scene, he soon returns to the military and naval meta-phors of his Marines career. A third party such as the Liberal Democrats is, he says, like a guerrilla force which has to be quick on its feet and willing to manocurre. He has no specific battle plan.

The superstructure of the Major government has been shot away but it has not been holed below the waterline. The prime minister's credibility has suffered enormous damage but it is not irrepara-ble. John Major should not be underestimated. He has a sharp political brain: if the economy comes right, he could come out ahead," he suggests.
Mr Ashdown's test for the

government's motion in next Wednesday's debate has been

that talk of Lib-Labbery whether it is seen as advancwould damage the Liberal ing Britain's position in Democrats, though the par-Europe rather than as a vote of confidence. John Major's ty's current stand on Europe carefully worded answer duralongside the Tories belps to answer that charge, while exposing him to attack from ing questions yesterday to the Liberal Democrat MP David the opposite direction. Alton about judging the mo-tion on "its merits" meets Mr

He is critical of John Smith for taking Labour's traditional line, but claims that his own party is moving in the direction of a more open politics. Others see the cause of co-operation between the parties as having been set back by inwardlooking party conferences. Mr Ashdown has privately complained that the party's conference in Harrogate showed signs of the "silliness" of the old Liberal party, and the influence of the former SDP at the top of the party has been reduced in recent elections to its internal committees.

Mr Ashdown sees oppor-tunties for the Liberal Democrats because he believes the public does not trust politi-cians generally at present.

House of Commons

Monday: asylum and immi-

gration appeals bill, second

Tuesday: housing and urban development bill, second read-

Wednesday: motion relating

to the European Communities

Thursday: civil service (man-

is expected to be:

(amendment) bill.

The protesters in Middle England objecting to pit clo-sures are not relighting Ar-thur Scargill's battles of the 1980s but are demanding "something to be done about the condition of the nation".

The task, he says, is to attract those saying a plague on all your houses. He points to Bill Clinton's appeal to American voters to have the courage to make a change, before mentioning, and then distancing himself, from Ross Perot's anti-politics theme. Part of Mr Ashdown is, however, attracted to such an anti-politics campaign. On economic poli-cy, for instance, he suggests that the party's stance should be midway between Ross Perot and Stafford Cripps between frankness about the economic situation and the austerity.

The party's stand during the Gulf war is, he says, the model. This was the time when people said about Mr Ashdown's comments. That's what I wanted to hear

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area bill, second reading. Tuesday: criminal justice bill.

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## **Aircraft** may guard

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, would not last night rule out the possibility of air strikes to protect British troops in Bosnia

convoys

As an advance guard from the Cheshire Regiment left Germany to escort food supplies into northern Bosnia, Mr Rifkind told a Commons select committee that he could not exclude the possibility of using aircraft to protect military convoys. He added: "There is no evidence to suggest that any UN forces are likely to be exposed to high-intensity at-tack." Mr Rifkind said that the initial cost of deploying British troops would be £17.5 million. rising to £110 million full-year costs for sending 2,400 troops. The cost would be borne by the UN.

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#### BR pledge

The government is to publish a series of consultation papers about the privatisation of Brit-ish Rail, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, told MPs. Before the end of the year there will be proposals on access and charging and others will follow on safety, re-structuring of the freight business and other issues. The main bill to privatise the rail-ways is expected to be out by the end of November or early December.

#### Ulster hope

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary. assured MPs that talks over Northern Ireland would not collapse in advance of next month's Anglo-Irish intergovernmental conference. It was "entirely practical to reach a successful conclusion" before the British and Irish governments meet on November 16, he said. "There is something quite new in the strength of public opinion demanding that politicians get something

#### Security costs

The cost of the work to improve security at 10, 11 and 12 Downing Street is expected to be about £76 million, John Redwood, the local government minister, said in a written reply. The work is nearly complete.

#### £3bn gamble

About £3 billion was spent on gambling in 1991-2 according to government figures.

In Parliament Commons (9.30): Debate on

### Tory grandees break cover to defend European policy

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

landlords to sell their properties to tenants, and Kenneth Clarke's re-drafted and re-THE spectacle of Tory grandees lowering themselves to introduced asvium bill. The new criminal justice bill the politics of the pressure starting in the Lords has met group is a measure of governwith protests from banks that ment desperation about the the tighter regulation on insidoutcome of next week's vote on

> For months, the self-effacing knights of the shires have eft the running over European policy on the Tory benchs to a hard core of wellanti-federalist guerrillas. Under the doughty generalship of hardened veterans such as Sir Teddy Taylor. William Cash and Michael Spicer, the "irreconcilables". as they are known throughout Westminster, have devoted almost every waking hour to scuppering John Major's hopes of putting Britain at the heart of Europe.

the Maastricht treaty.

With support from their Labour counterparts, they have tabled some 400 amendments to the bill ratifying the Maastricht treaty. They have also embarrassed the party hierarchy with two Commons motions calling for a "fresh start over Europe.

Pressure group politics are mathema to the silent knights of the Commons smoking room. They prefer to work through the old boy network. But with the antis capturing all the headlines, they have been compelled to break cover.

The battle for Europe on the Tory benches has traditionally been a contest between two long-established groups. The Conservative European Re-

form Group, founded and run by Sir Teddy, dates back to

1980. For many years it devoted itself to exposing the

lunacies of the common agri

cultural policy and the cost of Britain's contribution to the EC budget. In recent times, it has switched its attention to what Mrs Thatcher called the "nightmare" of the European

Although the group claims a membership of 85 MPs, its active strength appears much smaller. Its best-known figures are Nicholas Budgen, Bill Walker, Richard Shepherd. and Anthony Marlow. The CERG overlaps with

the "Fresh Start" brigade led by Michael Spicer, a former minister. The core of this group is many of the 22 Tories who voted against the second reading of the Maastricht bill in May. The 22, first known as the "suicide squad" at West-minster, have vowed to oppose the bill at every turn. Their leaders are in charge of plotting the parliamentary tactics

against the treaty. James Cran, MP for Beverley, and Christopher Gill, MP for Ludlow, are the group's



unofficial "whips" and Mr Spicer's chief advisers on ways of maximising the rebel vote. The other side of the Euro-

Ashdown's test, and should

mean that 19 out of the

party's 20 members support

Labour is already accusing

Mr Ashdown of propping up

an unpopular government and "lots of letters" of protest

have been sent in to party headquarters. But he believes

there are advantages in the

Liberal Democrats being

known as the party in favour

of Europe. The party has, he suggests, to adopt a "tough and clear position", and not

just to act as a receptacle for

Mr Ashdown angered

many in his own party with his Chard speech five months

ago when he talked about

forming links with groups in

other parties and outside the

party structure. They feared

the government motion.

pean fault line is dominated by the Conservative Group for grope, whose roots lie in the 1975 referendum on Britain's continued membership of the then Common Market. The group had become moribund under the chairmanship of John Butterfill, MP for Bournemouth West, Ian Taylor, parliamentary aide to William Waldegrave, is trying to revive its parliamentary arm and plans a meeting at the Commons next week on the eve of the crucial vote. Hugh Dykes, who can make Jacques Delors look like a sceptic, is one of its most prominent

Loosely based pro-Euro-pean groups are also being formed. Ray Whitney, a former minister, and Sir Anthony Grant, a respected member of the 1922 executive, hosted the inaugural meeting of a group known as Friends of Maastricht on Tuesday night The gathering was attended by about 40 MPs. Yesterday many of those present, led by the courtly Sir Peter Emery, MP for Honiton, wrote to The Times claiming that a tiny minority, no more than 10 per cent of MPs, were trying to undermine the prime

In the hectic few days left before next Wednesday's vote. the rebels will operate like a guerrilla band, harassing the combined forces of the whips' office regulars and the returned servicemen of the hastily formed gentlemen's militia.

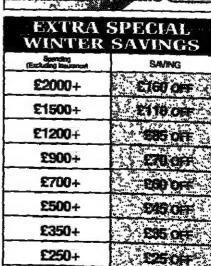
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### Why it may pay to complain

BY ROBIN YOUNG

OF 100 investigations by parliamentary oman between March and August this year, 62 were upheld in full and others in part.

The investigations covered 19 different govern-ment departments and five other public bodies. The department most complained against, and most frequently found at fault, was the Department of Social Security: of 46 cases. 29 were upheld. Among the cases set out in a report published yesterday, one involved the DSS paying a man £9,346.94 after accepting that he had been wrongly advised that his invalidity benefit payments would continue if he emigrated. In another report pub-

lished today the Comptrol-

ler and Auditor General, Sir

John Bourn, says that HM Customs and Excise collect-

ed some £62 billion net in

taxes and duties in 1991-2, and the Inland Revenue nearly £101 billion. Parliamentary Commis-sioner for Administration,

Second Report Session 1992-93, Selected Cases 1992, Vol 3, HCZ02. HMSO, £14.35 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General, Ap-propriation Accounts (Volume 12: Classes XVIII to XX). 1991-92, HC 197.

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### Fascist successors herald the death knell for Bosnia

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN SPLIT

THE eruption of fighting between Bosnia's Muslims and their former Croat allies spells the end of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The country is all but dead, prone as a corpse in the desert, while Serbs and Croats circle overhead like vultures squabbling over the

remains.
The recent clashes in the central Bosnian town of Prozor have emptied the charred and rubble-strewn streets of Muslims. Their leaders fear the battle for Prozor could mark the start of "ethnic cleansing" by the Croats, taking their one from methods honed by the Serbs. British troops passing through Prozor from their

Bosnia is effectively dead. The carve-up of the country by Serbs and Croats is a sorry tale of local duplicity and miscalculation by the Western powers

forward base at Vitez reported Croat militiamen looting smashed stores amid the smoke from burning houses. Croat fighters used mostars, cannons and tank rounds against the out-gunned Muslims. Many Croat militiamen had the letter "U" embla-zoned on their uniforms. standing for Ustashi, the Croatian Fascists in the second world war whose lust for killing shocked even German SS officers. Prozor is a key town on the

Croatian Defence Council fighting in Bosnia, none of this matters. Lines of Muslim refugee cars and trucks carry-ing aid were backed up at the Croat checkpoint complete with mounted machinegun

outside Tomislavgrad, a key town in Herceg-Bosna, the

muddy dirt track that will be a relief route into the Bosnian heartland. The coming of

winter there could claim tens

of thousands of lives from cold

and hunger, but for the soldiers of the HVO, the

self-proclaimed puppet state the Bosnian Croats have carved out for themselves. The HVO soldiers say the road is closed to Muslims, but Croatian cars travel freely.

Muslims say that they are shocked at the duplicity of the Croat leaders whose soldiers they still fight alongside in parts of Bosnia. Western observers are more sanguine: they say the HVO has had the arms to help break the siege of Sarajevo for months. HVO forces have artillery that could blast the Serb positions outside the city, but the weaker the Bosnian government, the more of Bosnia the Croats can carve off for themselves.

Bosnia is an internationally recognised sovereign state, but its government controls barely 10 per cent of its territory. The Serbs have carved off 70 per cent, the Croats control 20 per cent. Croats rightly argue that, without the HVO, that 20 per the announcement of a three cent would probably have been taken by the Serbs as

Croat leaders say the establishment of Herceg-Bosna is a temporary measure to last as long as the war, but the evidence suggests otherwise. The Bosnian dinar has been banned and replaced by Cro-atian currency. Herceg-Bosna just keeps growing and growing. Mate Boban, its leader, recently said that Travnik, a town where Muslims are the largest ethnic group, was part of his quasi-state. Now fighting between Serbs and Croats in the southern tip of Bosnia appears to have abated with

day ceasefire. The carve-up is tervention from the West, Bosnia was destined to be one of the shortest-lived nation states this century.

America and Europe have

for decades pumped money and weapons into bestial and totalitarian regimes across Asia and Latin America, But Bosnia, whose democratic government proposed plan after plan to share power among its nationalities, has been left to die, Muslims say. They ask why Western gov-

ernments even bother proclaiming their supposed outrage over atrocities when they do nothing to stop them. Now they expect nothing else. After all. Sarajevo residents say, there is no oil there.



## Germans foil Yugoslavia uranium plot

By Dessa Trevisan and Tim Judah in belgrade AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GERMAN police have broken up a ring suspected of trying to smuggle large amounts of uranium and 30 tanks, believed to be from former Soviet republics, into the Yugoslav war zone.

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Heinz Stocker, the Munich public prosecutor, said yester-day that seven Germans, eight Croats, including a Roman Catholic priest, two Austrians and a Swiss were under inves-tigation. Seven of them had been arrested. He said documents and other material seized in raids in Germany. Switzerland and Austria on Wednesday indicated that uranium 235 and 30 tanks had been smuggled into the

### Bulgarian cabinet resigns

FROM TIM JUDAH DV 205IA

BULGARIA'S political leaders were meeting in emergen-cy session yesterday following the collapse of the government

on Wednesday night.
The cabinet of Filip Dimitrov resigned after failing to a win a vote of confidence brought on by allegations that it had been involved in an attempt to sell arms to neighbouring Mac-edonia, which is subject to a United Nations arms embargo. Mr Dimitrov lost Wednesgo. Mr Diminrov lost wednes-day night's vote by 120 to 111 after a mainly ethnic Turkish party sided with its old polit-ical enemies, Bulgaria's for-mer Communist party. Ob-servers believe the leaders of the ruling Union of Democratic Forces will attempt to form a new government with Mr Dimitrov still at the helm.

It is alleged that Konstantin Mishev, Mr Dimitrov's top aide, tried to sell arms to the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia. In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Mishev said: "I went to Macedonia to check if they wanted to buy in the future. We had lots of signals and lots of proposals but we decided to abide by the

Diplomats are worried that if the Yugoslav conflict spreads to Macedonia, a general Balkan conflagration will begin. Albania, Greece, Bulgaria and Serbia all have historic interests in the currently unrecognised republic.

Investigators did not find any of the highly radioactive uranium 235, which is an ingredient in atomic bombs, Herr Stocker told reporters. He did not say if any tanks had been found. The presence of Croats in the ring indicated that the contraband seized was destined for the Balkans, he

The arrests came as Bosnian peace hopes dimmed yesterday, with Serb leaders rejecting the constitutional settlement proposed by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the cochairmen of the international conference on former Yugoshavia. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said: "It was proposals such as these that led to the war in Bosnia and repeating them can only lead to a worsening of the

The Bosnian Serbs have reacted angrily to the propos-als to "regionalise" the republic because, if the proposals were put into action, the Serbs' ultimate aim of uniting Serb-held territory in Bosnia with Serbia would be thwarted. Nikola Koljevic, the Serb leader, said in Geneva yesterday that the plan "was basically contrary to the fundamental wishes of the Serb people for unification".

Lord Owen and Mr Vance had hoped that the effect of publishing the plan would be similar to that when Mr Vance made clear his proposals for Croatia, and large scale fighting stopped. Yesterday there was no sign of any abating of conflicts, with battles reported in the north of the republic, in Herzegovina and in the central town of Jajce.

The peace envoys are now visiting Kosovo, Albania and Macedonia in an attempt to calm tensions and to prevent the spread of the Yugoslav

In Belgrade yesterday, Jeannie Peterson, a United Na-tions official, said the Vance plan for Serb-held territories in Croatia was experiencing serious problems. She said UN civilian police in the UN-controlled protected areas were reporting lawlessness. anarchy and murder. She said most of the victims of the anacks were Croats but added that Serbs were being mobilised to fight in Bosnia, many against their will.

General Satish Nambiar, the commander of UN forces in former Yugoslavia, also condemned local Serb leaders, accusing them of implementing only the parts of agreements which they had made and which suited them.



Shadow politics: a communist demonstrator wielding yesterday's copy of Pravda which shows President Yeltsin outside a meeting of the

Mr Yeltsin also ordered action to be

the Russian leader and his govern- front, which includes some parliament; was outlawed on Wednesday. mentary deputies and serving army officers, was dissolved. However, the taken against all other "anti-constitu- coalition of nationalist and commu-National Salvation Front. The tional organisations" and said he mist groups met yesterday and vowed Salvation Front. The fight has organisations and we will triumph."

inov, a front leader, said of the ban: "This is not the end of the world. This is not the end of the National Salvation Front. The fight has only

### Lithuanian leader says goodbye

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN VILNIUS

VYTAUTAS Landsbergis, in bodiment of Lithuania's battle for independence from Moscow, yesterday bade farewell to the outgoing parliament. Recalling the great moments of its struggles, he said: "The image of this building is now established in the memory of many nations as a symbol of the fight for freedom."

That fight began on March 11, 1990, with the declaration of independence by the newly elected assembly, dominated by the Sajudis movement of Dr Landsbergis. Its majority replaced Algirdas Brazauskas. the Communist chairman of parliament, with Dr Lands bergis. On Sunday, Mr Brazauskas and his former Communists crushed Sajudis

in parliamentary elections.

Dr Landsbergis told deputies, most of whom lost their seats, that the future parliament "must take over those principles and truths for which we fought. We are not a cemetery of mammoths."

Many voters clearly had had enough of the intellectual Dr Landsbergis. One said he "wants us to think he alone achieved independence. In fact, the whole of Lithuania won independence."

### Scientist held by KGB over article

■ The alleged testing by Russia of highly toxic chemical weapons places a question mark over Moscow's declared commitment to banning their development and use

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

A DISTINGUISHED ROSsian scientist is today to be charged with disclosing state secrets. He has been held incommunicado at the KGB's notorious Lefortovo prison for the past week. Vil Mirzayanov wrote in

Moscow News last month that the scientific institute where he used to work was developing and testing a new form of binary chemical weapon more toxic than anything possessed by America. He also stated that toxic substances were leaking from the institute into the Moscow atmosphere, and that enough poison was stored there to wipe out the

Kalugin: disclosures

did not lead to arrest

city in the event of a fire or

The incident has worried

Moscow's human rights activists, who say that they can recall nothing like it happen-

ing for several years. A lawyer

named by Mr Mirzayanov's

family was barred from

Lefortovo on the ground that

the prisoner's advocate must

be approved by the security ministry, as the KGB appara-

Mr Mirzayanov's co-au-

thor, Lev Fedorov, a scientist, was also briefly detained in

connection with the article,

which stated that the new

substantial leak.

tus is now called.

weapon had been tested in Uzbekistan in the spring, possibly without the approval of the republic's government. Such tests would not violate any international agreement, but if confirmed, they would appear to contradict Russia's declared commitment to ban the development and use of chemical weapons.

outlaws the disclosure of state secrets but there is still no law defining what constitutes con-fidential information. A littlenoticed decree from President Yeltsin in January stated that until such a law was passed, the notoriously arbitrary "normative acts" on secrecy in force under the Soviet regime could still be invoked. Natasha Gevorkyan, a

The Russian penal code

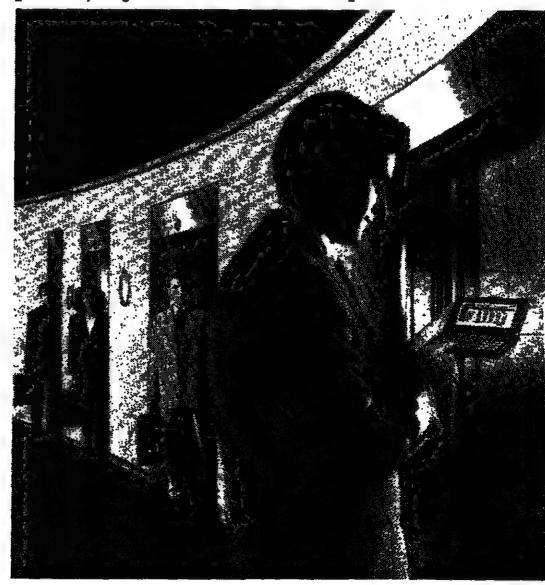
Moscow News journalist who has written extensively on the KGB, said that the case appeared to be a show of strength by the security establishment aimed at warning those who worked in sensitive government institutions. The restige of the security ministry has risen steadily this year as it has clawed back functions of the old KGB.

The practice of vetting law-yers was reminiscent of Soviet treatment of dissidents, she said, adding that the authorities were acting more harshly now than they had over the disclosures made in 1990 by Oleg Kalugin, the retired KGB general, about the KGB. Mr Kalugin was stripped of his rank and subjected to a series of legal actions, but he was not taken into custody. ☐ Rocket sale: Russia is to allow the army to sell booster

rockets from scrapped strategic missiles to foreign space programmes, using the pro-ceeds to build houses for soldiers returning from East-ern Europe and the Baltic states. The warheads are to be destroyed under an arms control treaty reached with

America. (Reuter)

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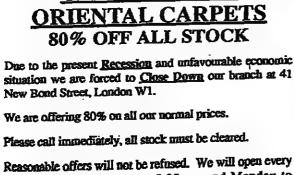
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## **Bush claims** momentum of victory as poll gap closes

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS NEW polls yesterday showed only a slight closing of the gap in the presidential race, Mr Clinton bitterly attacked his opponent's "shameless" campaign and Mr Bush grabbed every opportunity to talk up his chances of pulling off an extraordinary upset A CNN-USA Today poll on

Wednesday night showing Mr Bush just two points behind was widely seen as a rogue result reflecting a change in polling method-ology. A batch of other surveys showed the president trailing by seven to 11 points with five full days of the campaign left. Ross Perot appeared to have peaked. That was good news for Mr Clinton, who had been most damaged by the Texan's

recent surge, but who still leads in all the states he has to win for an electoral college majority. An NBC-Wall Street Jour-

nal survey put Mr Clinton on



### **US** hopes for new Gatt talks

By Our Foreign Staff

AMERICAN and European officials may meet this weekend to try to resolve the dispute over Community subsidies that threatens to cause a transatiantic trade war. American sources said yesterday.

However, French government officials said last night that there was no hope of a breakthrough over the trade talks before the US presidential election.

The Americans said that a meeting between Edward Madigan, the US agriculture secretary, and Ray Mac-Sharry, the EC agriculture commissioner, had become slightly more likely thanks to a "redoubling of efforts" by both sides and the private exhorta-

tions of John Major. Sources at the Quai D'Orsay in Paris said they believed a farm deal would not be possible until next year. There's still a big difference in our positions. As it's taken us six years to get this far there's no way we're just going to rush something through because November 3 is approaching," one official said.

44 per cent. Mr Bush 33 and Mr Perot 17. That lead was nine points down in a week and shrank to seven points when limited to likely voters. A Washington Post poll showed little change with Mr Clinton on 44. Mr Bush on 34 and Mr Perot on 19. The ABC News tracking poll had Mr Clinton on 42, Mr Bush on 35 and Mr Perot on 20, the same as the previous day. Fresh Republican advertise

ments accusing him of draft-dodging and waffling in-spired Mr Clinton's harshest attack to date on Mr Bush. Appearing on a television char thou, he could be had had a show, he said he had had a "bellyful" of Mr Bush lying in his promises to the nation. lying about his record in Arkansas, and perpetually attacking him on the issue of trust. He accused the president of peddling "outrageous distortions and outright falsehoods" about him.

Putting on his glasses. Mr Clinton read out newspaper editorials accusing Mr Bush of "trashing the truth". He even quoted from an interview with Mikhail Gorbachev in the latest New Yorker magazine in which the former Soviet leader said that "Bush warned me privately not to pay any atten-tion to what he would say during the presidential campaign" about how he had won

the Cold war. Mr Bush, his freneric schedule adjusted almost hourly to target key swing voters, was meanwhile doing his utmost to create the illusion of unstop-pable momentum. "Things have changed dramatically." There is a very positive mood," he claimed on breakfast television in Michigan yesterday. Mary Matalin, the presi-

dent's deputy campaign manager, said Mr Bush was now ahead in 14 or 15 states with more than 140 of the 270 electoral college votes required for victory, and was gaining in another 15. Clinton strategists acknowledged a tightening of the race, but insisted that the Democrat still had double-digit leads in all the states required for an electoral coll ege majority.

Mr Perot has also taken to the road, having spent \$37 million (£23 million) this month on television advertising. In Colorado, where he is vying with Mr Bush for second place, he insisted the only wasted vote this year would be for the president, "because he can't win ... it's not in the

cards". From now until Tuesday the candidates will pull out every stop. Apart from frantically criss-crossing the country, they have agreed to least ten more television interviews before tomorrow night alone and will spend record amounts on lastminute advertising. Mr Bush has even coaxed Ronald Reagan out of retirement to stump for him in North Carolina and New Mexico.



Supporting act: Susan Sarandon, star of such films as Thelma and Louise, joining hundreds of women in a march down New York's Fifth Avenue in support of Bill Clinton

### Press picks on dirty holes in Mr Ozone's backyard

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

"WHO am I? Why am I here?," asked retired admiral James Stockdale during the televised vice-presidential debate this month.

Ross Perot's running-mate is not the only candidate in the election confused about his wherabouts, as the rivals rush from state to state in a flurry of last-minute cam-paigning. The strain of per-petual motion seemed to be taking its toll on President Bush on Tuesday when he addressed 15,000 people at the Paducah Community College in Kentucky.

"Let me just say at the outset," the president said. "I'm very pleased to be here – and then back again – of ... of ... of ..

"Kentucky!" bellowed the "Thank you," said the president. I was going to say, of western Kentucky. It makes you agree with the guy who said, 'Heaven is a Kentucky kind of place'."

The crowd appeared molli-fied, if rather baffled. The president has recently taken to deriding Al Gore as "the ozone man" or "Mr Ozone" or, more informally. "Ozone" — a reference, presumably, to Mr Gore's environmentalism rather than the cloud of after-shave that seems to follow Mr Gore like

a personal ozone hole. "If I want foreign policy advice. I'd so to Millie Ithe White House dog before I'd Clinton," Mr Bush said on Wednesday, a witticism that seems rather hard on Millie who earns more as a bestselling author than either the president or Bill Clinton.

Mr Gore's reputation for ozone-friendliness is under attack, too. After what sounds like one of the least enjoyable journalistic investigations imaginable, The Washington Times has uncovered a large, malodorous dump on the Gore family farm in Tennessee. The paper claims it was "filled with pesticide containers. aerosol cans, old tyres, used filters filled with waste oil, and unrecycled cans and

The paper added: "The disposal of some of the material, including the pesticide containers, appears to violate state and federal



Gore: a malodorous

statutes." It may also explain the origin of Mr Gore's distinctive fragrance.

Dan Quayle, the vice-president, is also finding his backyard something of a worry. Mr Quayle's home state of Indiana may vote Democrat, according to the latest rolls an outcome that latest polls, an outcome that would prove an intense embarrassment to the vicepresident since it has voted solidly Republican in every election since 1964. A poll by the Indianapolis

Star shows a virtual dead heat, with the Democrats fractionally ahead. Indiana has seen a trend towards the Democrats in the past four years, and the Republicans eral state offices. Observers in Indiana, however, predict that there will be a lastminute revival of support for their native son. "He may be an idiot," said one Indiana resident, "but he's our idiot."

Such local partisanship is notably absent in parts of Arkansas. Mr Clinton's home state. While most Arkansas newspapers railied to endorse the Democratic candidate, the state's largest newspaper, the inaptly named Arkansas Democrat Gazette, has refused to endorse any candidate. It said of him: "It is not the compro-mises he has made that trouble so much as the unavoidable suspicion that he has no great principles to

### Clinton manoeuvres to sell hawkish image on defence

CANDIDATES in presidential elections usually strive to accentuate their differences, but on military matters Bill Clinton is doing quite the opposite. Given his draft record and

the Republicans' quadrennial hunger to dub the Democrats as "soft on defence", the Arkansas governor has produced a post-Cold war plan for the Pentagon that could have been modelled on the views of his opponent. The differences are more of degree than kind and, for the first time in decades, one of the Republicans' most potent issues has been blunted.

To extract any real mileage from defence this year President Bush has had to question Mr Clinton's fitness to be commander-in-chief. He mocks his opponents expen ence as chief of the Arkansas National Guard. He ridicules Mr Clinton's equivocation over Operation Desert Storm. Who, he asks, would Americans want in the Oval Office at a time of international crisis?

Mr Clinton insists in his manifesto that "we will not shrink from using military force responsibly, as part of a wider coalition where possible. and he has advocated more robust military intervention in

Bosnia-Herzegovina. His main defence advisers are the relatively hawkish Les Aspin and Sam Nunn, the chairmen of the House and Senate armed services committees, and Dave McCurdy, the chairman of the House intelligence committee, any of whom could become his defence secretary. The end of the Martin Fletcher writes that style rather substance divides the main candidates on Pentagon policy

Cold war has also quelled the fears of Democratic doves who believed any American military intervention would widen into superpower conflict.

Mr Clinton is committed to

Nato, although he believes the allies thould shoulder more of the defence burden. With the Soviet threat gone he wants between 75,000 and 100.000 American troops left in Europe, compared with the 150,000 that Mr Bush protion would reduce the number of active-duty American military to 1.4 million by 1995, 200,000 fewer than the Bush administration's "rock-bottom" baseline. The present number is 1.9 million.

Mr Clinton has issued a warning that the Pentagon budget is not a "piggy bank" to be raided for domestic programmes and he proposes to save just \$60 billion (£38:2 billion) more than Mr Bush would over the next five years. barely 5 per cent of the total budget. However, both he and Mr Bush would undoubtedly face intense budgetary pressure to cut deeper. His extra savings would be achieved through troop cuts and scaling back the "Star Wars" project, which would concentrate on development of a groundbased anti-missile system rather than the "Brilliant Pebbles" space-based weapons. The Democratic candidate

places less importance than Mr Bush on the forward basing of American forces, and more on the ability to deploy them rapidly to regional troublespots from American bases. He would invest more in the Pentagon's airlift and scalift capabilities and also sealist capabilities and also supports the creation of a United Nations rapid deployment force. He would keep only ten aircraft carriers, two fewer than Mr Bush.

In three respects Mr Clinton does differ markedly from Mr

Bush, although critics contend that these contrasts are politically inspired. He would have a huge defence conversion programme to redeploy the America's post-Cold war military contraction. He would keep some production lines open, notably for the Seawolf submarine, simply to preserve technological bases. He would also lift the ban on homosexuals in the forces.

□ New York: A Russian general with access to Soviet intelligence archives has formally concluded that Alger Hiss was not a spy for the former Soviet Union and has called the former State De-partment official a victim of the Cold war. General Draini Volkogonov's statement pleased Mr Hiss, 87, who said be was filled with "joy" at what he saw as a successful condusion to 44 years of seeking exoneration. Accusations against Mr Hiss in 1948 led to his jailing. (AP)

### Southern California begins to let the train take the strain

FROM WILLIAM CASH IN LOS ANGELES Much of this has to do with

SOUTHERN California. whose freeways during the rush hour make the M25 seem like a motorists' paradise, entered a new era of rapid mass transport this week with the opening of its Metro-Link train system.

Resembling a cross between a jumbo jet and a doubledecker bus, the trains are fitted with lipstick-pink imitationleather seats. Billed as the answer to the gridlock on Los Angeles's freeways — other-wise known as the world's longest car park - the network is expected within a year to be carrying 30.000 commuters a day from middleclass suburbs into the central business district of the city. A typical fare from. say. Simi Valley, 45 miles north of the city, is about \$8 (£5).

In about eight weeks' time. Los Angeles's first underground commuter service. called the Metro Red-Line. will also be in operation. Its trains will travel 60ft below the

The brand new Metro-Link trains start running at 5am. travelling at up to 80mph. generally affording passen-gers - who are discouraged from eating or drinking sweeping views of a sprawling urban wasteland. Smoking is banned and there is a \$250 fine for playing music. "Ghetto-blasters are strictly forbidden." David Solow, MetroRail's deputy executive direc-tor, said. "Listening to a personal Walkman, with headphones, is acceptable."

The twin rail projects are at the centre of a \$15.5 billion investment over the next ten years intended to solve Southern California's chronic freeway overload; the average commuting trip for most drivers now is about three hours. Within five years 100,000 people are expected to be using the trains, growing to 250,000 by 2010.

network's owner. Catellus Developments. claims the system will turn Los Angeles's Union station into the "Gateway of the 20th century".

Dream on California For all this grandiose ambition and Utopian confidence in solving the state's nightmare traffic problems, the final report of the Los Angeles 2000 Committee, a city-sponsored "future development" board, recently concluded: "Even with the completion of the Metro-Rail and light-rail projects, 96 per cent of us will still travel by car." At the same time, distances between home and work are increasing along with the number of drivers. which is multiplying faster than the population. The result is that the average moming rush hour speed on the entire freeway system by 2000 is forecast at 17 mph.

too many cars in Los Angeles to lit on freeways that were never built to cater for such volumes of traffic. The other problem is that many southern Californians seem to take an almost masochistic pride in the amount of driving they do each day. With the property boom of the 1980s, many middle-class professionals were forced out from the city of Los Angeles to prosperous new suburbs, known as "bedroom communities", most notably

the fact that there are simply

in lily-white Orange county. Moreover, the car in Los Angeles is viewed as an important symbol of self-advancement, mobility and autonomy. with the few hours or so of peace and private space people get in their cars being the only time many workers get to switch off and relax. This is one reason why the various attempts at car pools, involving special "fast lanes" on the freeway for cars with passengers, with fines of up to \$250 for those driving alone, as well as attempts to improve the local bus services, have been

relative failures. In the 1960s, Reyner Banham, in his famous book Los Angeles: The Architecture of Four Ecologies, described the freeways as: "The place where Angelenos spend the calmest and most rewarding hours of their daily lives."

#### El Salvador ceasefire in jeopardy

FROM DAVID ADAMS
IN MIAMI

THE government of El Salvador has refused to alter a timetable for the demobil isation of army units and guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), despite efforts by the United Nations to rescue a peace plan designed to end more than a decade of civil war.

Marrack Goulding, the British head of UN peacekeeping forces, flew to El Salvador yesterday in an attempt to aven breakdown of a ceasefire which has held since the peace plan came into effect in February.

A proposal by Bourros Boutros-Ghali, the UN secretary-general, to extend Saturday's deadline for the rebel army's full disarmament by 45 days was rejected by President Alfredo Cristiani. He blamed the FMLN for failing to meet the original peace plan deadlines.

The FMLN has accepted the UN's new timetable, and said it would demobilise about 1.600 of its troops today and tomorrow, leaving 3,200 of its once 8,000-man army in uniform. Mr Cristiani said he would not order further demobilisation of government troops until all FMLN rebeis had been disarmed and their weapons destroyed.

### Penguins face lingering death by oil FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI

SMALL Magellanic penguins

emerged one by one from rough waters and came ashore on the rocky beachside of Penguin Island to congregate for the spring nesting season. They lined up like schoolchil-dren and made their way to the nests below the dry shrubs that cover the island, in the bay of Sea Lions along the arid coast of Patagonia

As the wind blew fiercely across the island, the penguins stared fearlessly at the camera. and paraded around a red lighthouse which was built by Spanish and British sea merchants in the seventeenth century to show up the island where the merchants picked up slaughtered penguins for their oil and skins.

The penguins are oblivious to the dangers that now threaten them. Environmentalists say that the penguins, and other wildlife on the Patagonian coast, are increasingly threatened by recurrent oil spills from nearby petroleum ports and by waste that fishing trawlers discard into the Atlantic Ocean.

Thousands of penguins and other species of bird migrate every year to the coastline and islands in southern Argentina – an area rich in marine life. But numbers are sharply decreasing.

"Fewer penguins arrive to nest every year and thousands are dying from oil spills and water pollution." said Miguel Pellerano, of an Argentine



environmental organisation. Centuries ago they were slaughtered for their oil. Now they are facing slow, cruel deaths. Oil stops their coats from being impermeable so they die of exposure," he said. Two weeks ago a large oil

spillage was reported just off the northern Patagonian port city of Bahia Blanca. More than 700,000 litres of crude oil leaked into the ocean after 2 pipe feeding the ports with petroleum from a tanker ruptured. "Beaches nearby were blackened and small islands which are nature reserves were affected," said Dr Adam Puchi, an environmentalist at Bahia Blanca University.

More than 10,000 penguins died last year because of oil spills along the Patagonian coast that covers three Argentine provinces: Santa Cruz, Chubut and Rio Negro. This year environmentalists expect thousands of deaths during the breeding and nesting season ending in December.

Although large areas of

Patagonia were declared protected by law in the late 1970s. laws have been ignored. A few environmentally conscious Argentine congressmen in Buenos Aires attempted unsuccessfully this month to push through tougher environmental rules. Environmentalists are cam-

paigning for tighter controls on petroleum companies and fishing trawlers which can buy yearly licences for just £30,000. Most fishing trawlers, mainly Spanish and Japanese, exploit this part of the South Atlantic for large prawns and squid. The Pan American High-

way that runs the 1,250 miles between the capital Buenos Aires and Patagonia leads from the bay of Sea Lions to a coastal town responsible for pollution. In the small town of Puerto Deseado, which lies by a river mouth that is rich in wildlife and fauna and is supposed to be a protected zone, more than a dozen fishing companies run processing plants that openly dicard wastes into the bay of San Jorge

This town is also home to sea lions who breed on nearby beaches, and to penguins and cormorant birds. But attempts at fighting legal battles against the fishing companies to stop them from making a mess of the place have failed repeatedly," said a local

A dusty stretch of the highway leads to Patagonia's largest petroleum city, Comodoro Rivadavia, where the overwhelming majority of the working population is employed on oilfields. "Here people don't want to talk about environment. Jobs are more important," said one shopkeeper. But environmentalists say that companies should be monitored in order to prevent waste-dumping, not to make the oilfields stop working

completely. Environmentalists claim that the petroleum tanks lining the city's coastline discard toxic waste directly into the Atlantic Ocean. Its beaches are defaced by oil and rusty

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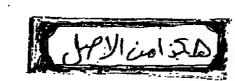
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metal parts. Sea lions that once inhabited the beachside, which is now filled with video arcades and bars, swim around the edge of the harbour as though lost. Some lie on buoys and bask in the sun. But as the pollution of the area worsens their numbers are dwindling, just like those of the Magellanic penguins on the penguin island 250 miles south of Comodoro



## Patten challenges Peking to table democracy option

CHRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, said last night he was ready to go on talking with Chinese officials on expanding democracy in the colony and noted that what the people of the territory wanted was rational discussion not the colony and the colony and the colony and the colony are the colony and the colony are the colony and the colony are the colony sion, not threats, rhietoric and a barrage of adjectives.

The governor, whose pro-posals for increasing demo-cratic rights for Hong Kong people have been attacked by the Chinese on the grounds that they could lead to "turmoil" and "great chaos", and who was snubbed last week in Peking, added: "I think the sensible thing to do is to go on talking and it would also help if the Chinese side would say what they want." what they want."

Mr Patten said Hong Kong officials would approach Guo Fengmin, Chinese leader of the joint liaison group, which brings together British and Chinese negotiators, when he returns to Hong Kong, with a view to following up the unsuccessful Peking talks. Diplomats here noted that the group's talks would be at a ower level than those conducted by Mr Patten.

The governor was asked what he would do if proposals for expanding democracy in elections scheduled for 1995, which he put to Hong Kong's Legislative Council in his address on October 7, were turned down by the legislators. possibly as a result of pressure

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"If the legislature representing the people of Hong Kong gives those proposals the thumbs down," Mr Patten said, "then they will have to

In an interview with James Pringle of The Times, Chris Patten spells out how he will try to keep China talking over widening democracy in Hong Kong

Hong Kong and live with that, not just in 1993 but for some time afterwards. Of course it is right to debate the proposals conscientiously and thoroughly, and I hope those who criticised will actually say what they would do instead."

However, he felt his propos-als for expanding the fran-thise in the 1995 elections had very considerable support" among those directly elected -18 in all - and also "a lot of support" among the other members of the Legislative Council. "I don't think members of the Legislative Council will be intimidated into betraying their judgment or conscience by an avalanche of editorials in Wen Wei Po [a



Patten: Chinese should

### Colony liberals accuse Chinese of bullying

By James Pringle

OFFICIALS in Hong Kong business interests in China are concerned about allegations that Chinese communist apparatchiks have bullied and intimidated prominent citizens in the colony who have indicated support for democratic reforms proposed by

Informed sources said some members of the Legislative Council (the territory's parliament) and other prominent citizens have had unsolicited meetings with members of the pro-Peking "united front" groups who have told them to "get on side". One source said: These people are approached by others who are often colleagues who tell them their activities are being watched. Those approached may be businessmen, teachers or jour-

nalists; people with some in-fluence in the community. "First the apparatchiks, who may be either from mainland China or from Hong Kong, appeal to the patriotism of the person approached, saying the proposals put forward by Mr Patten are not in China's interests. If this does not work, they are warned that their

may be affected."

Such campaigns are believed to be directed from the offices of the New China news agency, the unofficial Chinese "embassy" in Hong Kong. There is concern that if the muffle public support for Mr Patten's policies. James To Kun-sun, a Legis-

lative Council member repre-

senting the pro-democracy United Democratic Party, said last night "I have not heard of any threats to our members but these people know they can't change our minds. If there were such threats, I hope our members tell us about it."

Visit in doubt: Peking has hinted that the proposed visit to Britain next month of Zhu Rongji, the vice-premier, may become the lastest casualty of the conflict over the future of Hong Kong. A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said: "We will in due course release news concerning vice-premier Zhu Rongji's visit to Britain." Since no "news" was expected, the remark suggests that China is reconsidering. (AP)

pro-Peking newspaper in Hong Kong ...

Asked about violent attacks on him by his Chinese opp-osite number. Lu Ping, direc-tor of the Chinese government's Hong Kong and Macau office, Mr Patter noted: "There is something of a disjuncture between some of the public rhetoric I have heard since returning and the discussions I had in Peking. These discussions were vigorous but I have endured far worse atmospheres in European Community meetings."

The governor was speaking on the balcony of Government House, from which governors used to count the ships in the harbour to see how the colony was prospering - now you can hardly see the harbour for high-rise buildings, many of them banks, including the towering Bank of China.

Asked if the Chinese might try to foment unrest in the territory of six million people, as they did in the 1960s during the Cultural Revolution, the governor said: "No, I think that would be exceptionally counter-productive."

As a ceiling fan turned lowly overhead, and as one of Mr Patten's pet terriers, Whisky, played in a room next door, the governor was asked why some members of Kong Hong's business community seemed to be ready to give up demands for increased democracy for a less combative atmosphere more along the lines of that sought by Peking even if it meant not challenging China's perceptions of what Peking would want Hong Kong to be.

Mr Patten noted: "I think most husinessman will be with the work will be with the will be with the will be will be with the will be willy

most businessman will recognise in the run-up to 1997 the governor of Hong Kong is going to have to give a great deal of reassurance to people about what life might be like both leading up to and after 1997. He will be a great deal better placed to do that if he is someone who stands up for them. I also think the business community recognises the biggest potential threat to our well-being is not a deluge of adjectives from Peking. It is trade friction between China and the US."

Saying he had to demonstrate style as well as substance, Mr Patten added: "If I demonstrate political accountability in the next few years. then political accountability

will be here very much to stay." Asked if China, despite desiring a prosperous Hong Kong, did not think first of all of merely regaining the territory irrespective of that prosperi-ty, the governor said: "Hong Kong is 18 per cent of China's GNP. The biggest investor in Hong Kong is China. No one wants to drop a boulder that large on their foot."

#### Head of UN in Somalia resigns

MUHAMMAD Sahnoun. head of the United Nations mission in Somalia, yesterday resigned his post in Mogadishu, the capital, after he was reprimanded for his open criticism of the world body's policy and bureaucra-cy in the war-ravaged coun-try which, he said, hampered his peace efforts.

Mr Sahnoun said he had

no choice other than to leave

his post after receiving no response to his resignation letter sent to the UN headquarters in New York last Monday. His resignation was greeted with despair by private aid agencies that had been deeply impressed by his commitment to trying to bring the warring factions in Somalia to the negotiating table. The private agencies have also agreed with his public criticism of the slow response of the UN and its agencies to widespread starvation in the country that has already contributed to at least 300,000 deaths.

Brigadier General Imtiaz Shaheen, head of the 500man Pakistani contingent sent to Mogadishu to secure the port and airport a month ago, but not yet deployed, said after Mr Sahnoun confirmed his resignation: "We are back to square one." General Shaheen now becomes head of the UN operation in Somalia.

Aid workers cried when Mr Sahnoun left Mogadishu airport. Rick Grant, head of the international Care aid agency, said: "This means a further delay in getting a lot of food to a lot of people who are dying in the dust. It will be very difficult for anyone to match Sahnoun's deep understanding of the situation derstanding of the situation here, and few believe anyone else could do the job as well."



Last month the UN promised to import 100,000 tonnes of food in the last three months of the year to end the famine still killing 1,000 people a day, but relief operations in Baidoa, Baidera, and Hoddur, all in the central southern region where the famine is worst. have been severely hit by a recent increase in fighting and minor attacks by gun-men on food-relief aircraft.

The UN was widely criticised for leaving Somalia too soon after the civil war started there in December 1989 and for taking more than a year to re-establish a significant presence. Mr Sahnoun had supported these criticisms, adding his own after arriving last April. With the exception of the UN Children's Fund, he said, heads of UN agencies were "lousy" and had done "abso-

lutely nothing". Mr Sahnoun has been credited by the International Committee of the Red Cross and Save the Children Fund, among others, with galvanising the UN into action and for again drawing the attention of the world to the continuing plight of the SoMr Sahnoun, an Algerian

diplomat who came out of retirement to serve in Somalia at the personal request of the UN Secretary General, Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali, said yesterday that he might have stayed on in spite of his bitter experience of UN bureaucracy. "It was no wish of mine to leave Somalia and all the wonderful people who have given, and continue to give, at great risk to themselves, their time and energy to save the lives of the starving populations of So-

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#### Extra men to be sent to Natal

Johannesburg: A big increase in the number of security forces deployed in Natal was announced by President de Klerk last night after he chaired a meeting of the cabinet and then the state security council (Michael Hamlyn writes).

The province is on the verge of civil war, particularly in the black homeland of KwaZulu, as supporters of the African National Congress and the rival Inkatha Freedom Party

carry out almost daily attacks. Mr de Klerk said the South Africa Defence Force would double its soldiers in Natal within a week, the number of police would be increased, and extra riot police would be

#### Dam accord

London: Czechoslovakia and Hungary have agreed to halt work on the disputed Gabcikovo Nagymaros dam, to send a fact-finding team to the site and report tomorrow to a Brussels committee trying to broker a compromise.

#### Lockerbie blow Tripoli: Libya turned back a

French judge who arrived to investigate the 1989 bombing of a French DC 10 airliner, in a move which diplomats said put paid to the latest attempt to resolve the Lockerbie affair. (Reuter)

#### Polio kills boy

Amsterdam: A four-week-old boy has died in a Dutch polio epidemic, the first such fatality since 1978. The resurgence of the virus is attributed to 4,000 Calvinists who refuse vaccinations on religious grounds.

#### Down to Earth

Seoul: South Korean church leaders apologised yesterday for failing to arrange passage to beaven for thousands of worshippers who had expected to leave Earth in a cometlike flash on Wednesday. (AP)



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THE divided Afghan Muja hidin government has failed to agree on a successor to President Rabbani, who wasdue to step down two days ago after four months in power. The continuing chaos is further evidence that the country is splitting along ethnic lines. Iran radio reported that Mr Rabbani would stay on for two

more months while the search for a replacement continued. The presidency is meant to be rotated every four months, pending the election of a permanent president. The procedure is keeping Afghanistan leaderless and ungoverned, with no bureaucracy. no money and little food as the severe winter approaches.

Mujahidin groups plan to meet soon in a "grand assem-bly" to try to agree on the nature and timing of elections. This may be a fanciful idea. however, in a country being run by the gun. The disarray is being watched with alarm by Pakistan, which fears for its own stability alongside a nation that seems to be in the process of irretrievable parti-tion. Central Asia, India and even China also have reason to be worried.

The war between rival Mujahidin factions is not over yet, despite the lull. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the hardline Pashtun leader, is keeping his forces poised for another strike on Kabul from



positions south of the capital. He last pulverised the city in August. His probable objective is the creation of a Pashiun state in the south and east of the country along the Pakistan border, with Kabul as its

The Pakistan government fears the man whom it once backed. The de facto establish-ment of a Pashtun state would reawaken the idea of a Pashtun homeland, Pashtunistan, straddling the Pakistan-Afghan border. There are more than ten million Pashtuns in Pakistan, mostly in the North West Frontier

Since April, Aighanistan has split broadly into three regions. The north and northeast are run by Uzbeks and Tajiks in a tenuous anti-Pashtun alliance. They also control Kabul. The Shia Muslim Hazaras of the central highlands control much of the western areas up to the Iran-

ian border, while the Pashtuns have the south and east. Iran and Saudi Arabia are intensifying their competition for nce in Afghanistan, fuelling the religious divide. The Saudis are probably aiding Mr Hekmatyar directly, al-though they deny it. Iran is principally supporting Hezb-i-Wahadat, a Shia group.

There are clear indications that various ethnic leaders are seeking permanently to divide Afghanistan to establish their own fiefdoms. General Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek leader, has visited the Central Asian, former Soviet, republic of Uzbekistan, doubtless to urge support for an Uzbek state in northern Afghanistan, with the city of Mazar-i-Sharif as its capital. The Uzbeks are determined never again to come

under Pashtun domination. Mr Hekmatyar has been sounding out support for an independent Pashtun state. He has been trying to persuade Gulf states that a Sunni Muslim pro-Arab enclave would be a buffer against Iran and the Shias.

China is worried that the break-up of Afghanistan will unsettle its western province of Xinjiang, bordering Tajikistan, which has a substantial Muslim population. India already has evidence that Afghan Mujahidin are fighting in the mainly Islamic Kash-

# Fighting for the honour of Auntie

rie de coeur from the soul of the chattering classes, or unedify ing whinge? Richard Eyre, the normally reticent director of the Royal National Theatre, has been accused of attacking the BBC in a speech he gave at a conference on art and broadcasting this week. He was reported as having launched a virulent attack on the management, accusing it of introducing vicious working methods and of suffering from a loss of nerve and vision. Worse, he accused Eldorado, BBC1's £10 million new soap opera of being "mired in

An organisation that has already taken its fair share of batterings in the run up to the government's imminent green paper on the BBC's future. hardly needed another kick in the face. The BBC's management was said to be appalled.

Mr Eyre is equally dis-tressed. He says that far from sending hate mail to the BBC. his speech was "a love letter".
"I love the BBC... what it was and what it is. I have worked there as a director for 15 years - all I wanted to say is let's not kose it," he says.

Mr Eyre is sitting in his

office on the top floor of the National Theatre. He has been described as an English

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Has the BBC really lost its nerve, and is Eldorado mired in cynicism?

Alice Thomson meets Richard Eyre

rose, a sort of male Princess of Wales. But apart from the long eyelashes he looks more like the reserved arts master at a girls school who everyone has a crush on. His hair is middle aged and wispy and he is wearing an olive green suit, black polo shirt and rebellious pink socks. He is also wearing the rather bemused expression of one who cannot understand what he has done wrong.

"My opinion of the BBC is that it is a wonderful institution but it is in danger of going astray. Marmaduke Hussey may say that I am misin-formed but I have just finished doing a film there and I know the staff are not feeling loved."

So does Mr Eyre, in a mild way, see himself as being a champion of all the technicians, producers, researchers and cameramen at the BBC who he feels haven't found a voice? "What I want to do is give them a boost," he says. They haven't been given a chance to prove their worth." He is particularly worried about the recent embracing of producer choice - a new

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working practise which allows producers to choose teams from outside the BBC. "The initiative is meant to demonstrate how market-orientated the BBC is becoming. But because they are contracting out so many programmes, there is a loss of morale among the staff. Combine that with an obligation to buy in 25 per no wonder the staff feel they are second class citizens."

If Mr Eyre had a blank piece of paper on which to sketch out the green paper what would be his manifesto? "There are apparently three strategies on offer for the BBC. The first is known as the 'Himalayan' strategy and it. describes the intention to occupy the cultural high ground. The second, which may well be called 'the sunlit uplands'. is dedicated to a middle brow pastoralism - classic serials and nature programmes and the third is 'the sewage farm' which would, I suppose, be dedicated to game shows,

sport and sitcoms."

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continues to take the licence fee. "There must be a dual responsibility to address a mass audience and to address a minority audience." Pretty much what they are doing now? "Yes, with a few exceptions," he says.

The main exception turns out to be Eldorado. Mr Eyre has nothing against popular ly an EastEnders aficionado but it has to be produced in the right spirit. "EastEnders was made in an innocent, honest, daring, exciting and pioneering way," he says. "Eldorado was made by market researchers - it was a synthetic, cynical manufacturing of popular en-tertainment for the masses and it jumped out like a bad smell.

In his speech he called ratings "the pissing competi-tion". "All these producers saying look I can piss further

'I love the BBC ... what it was and what it is.

All that I wanted to say is let's

not lose it'

than you can'." He strongly believes that ratings should not be the only index of success. "I find it contemptible that a couple of million for bowling or a good documentary is considered a derisory amount. A couple of million is a large audience compared with most newspapers and theatres." (Mr Eyre is one of the best "pissers" of all; his BBC film Tumbledown had an audience of 18 million.)

He also wishes that cable and satellite companies would pack up and go home. "I know that marks me out as undemocratic. But by diluting the market we are diluting the quality," he says. This is the crux of the

matter. Mr Eyre sees British television as a cornerstone of the country's cultural life. "The BBC defined the way that I went to the theatre until I was 18. We lived in the country and watched television." So does he think that the BBC's role should be to educate the masses? "This is really difficult territory." he says. The BBC can't preach to people but it can enthuse them. If you are enthusiastic

and down-to-earth about a

subject, however dry, you can

grab an audience." Mr Eyre almost blushes. All this might be a little hard "I'm scared we seem to be on such a high, next year could

easily be a disaster," he says. But why is he so in vogue now? Theatre is to the arts what the He laughs coyly. "In my four BBC is to broadcasting. And at years here I have managed to the moment the National Theexercise judgment in the right aire seems to be providing a directions. I am employed to exercise my taste and I have a fier a recent whistlewe do are plays I want to

stop tour of London's direct." theatres the Butcher His other great asset is his of Broadway, critic enthusiasm, which is what he Frank Rich, gave his verdict— the West End was trapped in a says he was trying to impart to the BBC. "Anyone who is an time warp but the big subsiartist of sorts needs to be dised companies were enjoybuoyed up otherwise they are like a fiat balloon. That is ing a golden age. Mr Eyre, the critic said, could be the most especially true of somewhere successful and versatile prolike the BBC or the National ducer of the English-speaking where people are on relatively

His strategy has produced not only contented staff but, as theatres go, a well-stocked

coffer. "It's a £30 million business and we have to come up with two-thirds of the revenue from the box office. The subsidy helps bring down the prices so students can see plays for £5.50. We're break-

It wasn't all easy going.
The first 16 months I wanted to cry all the way to work. It was a huge burden taking over this edifice and all its ghosts [Lord Olivier and Sir Peter Hall were his two predeces-

sors]."
Mr Eyre's advice to new incumbents: "Rid yourself of the permicious vanity of thinking that everything is your own fault or your own success. It gets you in a terrible state. You have to realise that you are just an enabler and occasionally someone who picks up the

The son of a former naval officer, he was expelled from But now he says he has was 18 this job would have been completely implausible. I didn't think I could do anything." he says. Now he is looking forward to the next season — a production of Macbeth and the last of David Hare's trilogy.

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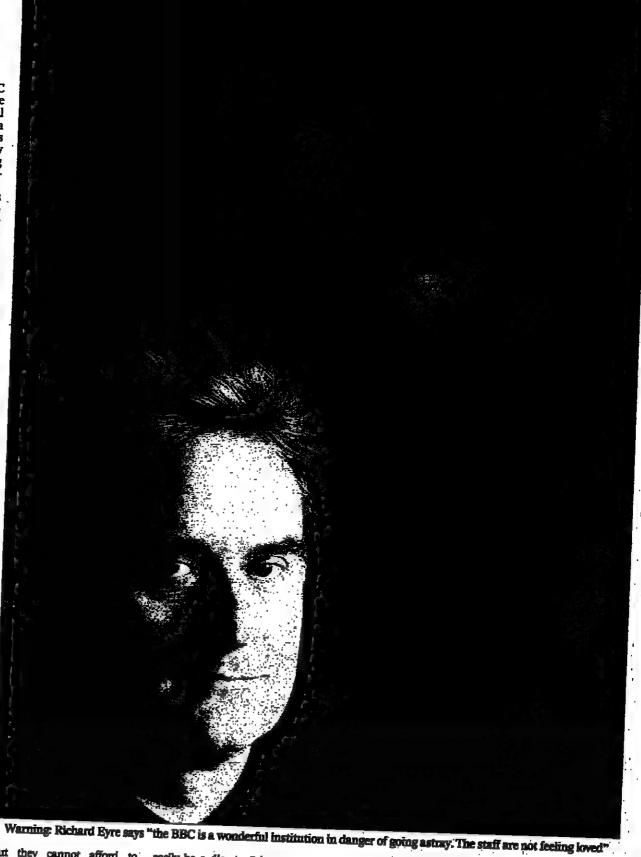
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He is less at ease with his new role as BBC critic. "I find public controversy doesn't come naturally. I blow my mouth off and immediately think oh my God I wish I had kept my head in a paper bag'." The chattering classes must be



but they cannot afford to ignore Mr Eyre. The National

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## **Emperors of** funny stuff

Stars. It may say "Stand-up comedian/author" in their passports, but they are videos, a bestselling book, television and radio series, and a sold-out tour that guarantees a couple of hundred screaming girls in every town; maybe a couple of thousand if there's nothing on the telly that night, or it's Wigan.

Yeah, there was a big groupie sex thing at the begin-ning of the tour." Baddiel says. "I'd just broken up with my girlfriend, but after a while I discovered that I wasn't that interested in casual sex. That was a bit of a bummer."

Baddiel is the world-weary half of the Baddiel and Newman parmership. He was first inspired to become a stand-up when he put on his school's sixth form revue, which was so brilliantly crass the teachers banned it, so earning him sackloads of instant cool.

Newman is achingly charming, but when he walks from his management company to the case where we conduct the interview, he hunches his shoulders over his ears like he's expecting someone to run up and hit him.

"In the last three days it's been as bad as it's ever been," Baddiel says, fiddling with a glass of mineral water. They insist on being interviewed separately, but this is a sentiment Newman echoed earlier.
"It's probably irrational I mean, if you stand back and look at our careers, it's bril-

ob Newman and for the 1990s, that's great."

David Baddiel are rock And they are, easily, the Pystars. It may say thous for the 1990s. Quite simply, Baddiel and Newman are King High Lordy Emperors of the funny stuff. Pulling on our spangly cos-

more cohesive focal point.

mic Moonboots and wading back through the mists of time, we reach 1989; Aprilish. At midnight on Saturdays, the nation's disaffected youth would curl up under the duvet with Radio I, and listen to messages of insurrection and gags about Top Cat and Yo-Yo biscuits and the pop group Boney M. This was The Mary Whitehouse Experience, Dave and Rob plus The Other Two. who are now pursuing separate careers. TMWE went into four series on Radio 1, with queues forming outside the recording studios, and then it transferred to BBC 2, where lo! the hysteria was born.

Sobbing fans and the presures of work have taken their toll, but Newman is looking forward to their next tour, which starts today, "Gigging is like a regulatory mechanism for heaving yourself out of a morass of insecurity, and, uh, all that stuff. I'm floating just after I come off stage," he says. There are reams of theories about the reasons why anyone wants to stand on a stage and make an audience like them. Pop stars, actors and comedians must all have, uh, slightly warped psyches. Probably.

Newman had French and Celtic parents, was adopted at the age of six weeks, and doesn't want to talk about what Baddiel calls "Rob's horliam. Being called the Python rific childhood". Studying



Rock stars of comedy: Baddiel and Newman of The Mary Whitehouse Experience

English at Selwyn College, Cambridge, Newman suddenly became vehemently puritan: he wouldn't take drugs, never went out. Instead he'd retire to his rooms to sleep and to be woken by drunken students returning at 3am. "I just didn't really like students," he says.

o how does he feel now? TMWE was frantically successful, with five million viewers a week, all devotees, all word perfect when it was repeated five months after first transmission. The last Baddiel and Newman tour was one of the highest-grossing comedy tours of all time, they sold out the Hammersmith Odeon in London three nights running, and the Mary Whitehouse Experience Encyciopaedia went to number two in the bestseller charts. Plus a million girls would willingly sell their parents if they could snuggle Newman or Baddiel up in a pink duvet and feed them jellybeans all night. "I've always been obsessed with whether I'm a failure or

not," Newman says, toying with the twizzler stick in his orange juice. "But recently it's been getting worse. When I'm on stage, I'll be sending myself messages of hate; like 'Drinking a glass of water? You're drinking a glass of water? You're losing the audience, they hate you, they hate you, they're booccored. When I ask him if he hates

himself, he doesn't even pause. "Oh yeah. A lot of the time I think 'Oh God, it hasn't worked, it didn't jell, I haven't made any friends who care about me, no one wants me around'." Apart, that is, from hundreds of thousands of teenagers who can relate to the "controlled numb despair" to which they both refer. In this way, Baddiel is the Michael Stipe (from REM) of the comedy world, and Newman is "the Morrissey of stand-up".
"I interviewed Spike Milligan for this radio programme last week." Newman says. "He

didn't really know who I was.

Then, towards the end, he

twigged I'd done some TV,

and he said 'Oh. I'd've

brought out my best crockery if I'd known'. So I said I'd send him the video of our stuff. And Spike said 'Ah, and I'll send you a video of the crockery." And I realised afterwards how much he had influenced me, 43 subconsciously."

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# Glory of the golden oldies

Is there room for a channel offering nothing but repeats? Melinda Wittstock reports

ostalgia just isn't what it used to be. Long gone are the days when disgruntled television viewers grumbled about the not-sooccasional repeat on BBC1 or ITV. Now the nation can grumble 20 hours a day if it wants about a new satellite entertainment channel devoted entirely to what British broadcasters cuphemistically label "classics", "golden oldies", "trib-utes" and "cult viewing". Vintage episodes of Britain's best

omedies, soaps and dramas will be back on the small screen from this: Sunday with the launch of UK Gold, an unprecedented joint ven-ture between the BBC and Tharnes Television. Available free until at least the end of 1993 to Astra satellite dish owners and cable subscribers, the new channel will use more than 130,000 hours of fine old fare which has been quietly ageing in the archives.

But aside from soap-addicts desperate to relive years of early Neighbours. EastEnders and Dallas, will the public clamour for reruns on satellite

When we said the word 'repeats' in our audience research, most people reacted negatively," Sue Farr, Thames' head of marketing. says. "But the minute we started talking about the programmes classics like George and Mildred, The Goodies or The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin — people got remarkably enthusiastic about it."

Broadcasters endure more complaints about repeats than they do about sex, violence or swearing, but audience ratings bear out the case for UK Gold. All four main channels have realised the value of repeats, with BBC comedies such as Porridge, Dad's Army, Citisen: Smith, Steptoe and Son and As Time Goes By regularly attracting audiences above ten million. Com-edy usually outlasts drama: Taggart is the only grimly serious series to hit the ratings stratosphere the second time around with 9.1-

But nearly all of television's one-1970s output has been confined to minority channel revivalism. Channel 4's TV Heaven, where the archives were sent last spring for 13 weeks if they had been good. attracted an average andience of 2.1 million, while BBC2's riposte, a weekend of the nadir of British television history with TV Hell, also attracted about two million viewers.

Derek Lewis, the former Granada Group chief executive who is masterminding UK Gold's launch. points to the channel's market research which suggests that 95 per cent of the nation's 11 million vatellite and cable viewers say they want to watch classic British pro-grammes. According to UK Gold. 80 per cent of all television viewers said they would consider buying a satellite dish to receive UK Gold.

This apparent enthusiasm for repeats comes at a convenient time for broadcasters. Airtime has become available, with the advent of new cable and satellite channels, at a faster rate than producers appear to be able to produce new programmes. Financial stringencies imposed by the ITV auction, and real shrinkage in licence fee revenue has conspired, meanwhile, to reduce production budgets. UK Gold's timing therefore seems propitious. Satellite, dominated in the UK by BSkyB's six charnels, has yet to shed the stigma of broadcasting wall-to-wall downmarket Aus-

sie and American programmes.

UK Gold will show just three foreign-made series. Dallas, Neighbours, now deemed British institutions, and Sons & Daughters. Tony Iffland, the Australian-born head of UK programming at BBC Enterprises, who helped David Elstein, Thames director of programmes, draft UK Gold's schedule, says the fact that UK Gold is largely made in Britain is crucial to the channel's success. "These programmes are the best in the world," Mr Iffland says. "The comedies have stood the test of time; a lot of people have memorised whole scenes."

UK Gold claims as a selling point its simplified schedule. Mr Elstein says: "Nobody can remember a BBC1 schedule because it changes all the time. People like to know that at 6pm they get dramas like The Duchess of Duke Street, at 7pm and 7:30pm comedies like 'Allo Allo and Terry & June, at 8pm every night EastEnders, at 8pm every night EastEnders, at 9pm drama like Casualty, Tenko and Rumpole of the Bailey, at 10pm every night The Bill, and at 10.30pm alternative comedy like Alexei Sayle's Stuff. The Young Ones and Carrot Confidential. This way viewers tune in as a habit

K Gold, which this Sunday makes its début at 7pm with John Sullivan's sitcom Just Good Friends, will delight soap buffs on weekdays. At 7,30am on Monday, and again at 12.30pm and 5pm. Neighbours fams will see Jason and Kylle in episode one. The cult soap, now at episode 1,600 on BBC1, will be aired three times every weekday, as will East-Enders (8.30 mm, 1 pm and 8 pm). Those viewers sick of trawling the BBC, ITV and Channel 4 for entertainment after 10:30pm on weeknights will also do well out of

followed at 11pm by a comedy series and then a film. UK Gold expects to attract about 5 per cent of the 3.4 million British homes now connected to satellite or number of cable or satellite homes is independently forecast to reach 7.5 million. UK Gold would have

UK Gold with stand-up comedy

an audience of 375,000. That may seem pairry but it is enough to make Thames, the BBC; and their American partner, Cox Enterprises, a huge pile of cash— not just from advertising but from subscription. UK Gold viewers will eventually have to pay to watch the channel as part of a package with other satellite channels and the channel recently published research which suggested that one third of all adult satellite viewers are

ABC1s, the advertisers' favourite. "I would be very surprised if in our first year there was any home with satellite or cable which did not time in to us at some point," Mr Lewis says. "We're spending almost E3 million on advertising, but I doubt people will get up on Monday morning and go out and get a dish. But it will definitely encourage those who were contemplating it to get on and do it."



Classic comedy. It Ain't Half Hot Mum with Windsor Davies, left, and Melvyn Hayes has stood the test of time and still delights viewers years after it was first shown





Contemporary drama: will programmes such as The House of Eliott. left, and The Ruth Rendell Mysteries, right, have a place on UK Gold in 20 years' time?

#### FIGHT OVER FEES

undreds of well-known actors have clashed with A the BBC over fees paid for showing repeats on UK Gold. Talks between the BBC and the actors' union Equity about royalty payments for repeats on the new satellite channel collapsed last week. The dispute will not keep UK Gold off the air: the channel has already bought enough archive programmes (120,000 from the BBC and 10,000 from Thames) to keep it running for ten years, but it threatens to deprive the BBC of as much as £67 million a year in revenue from oversens programme

Equity members voted to pull out of a long-standing multi-media toyalty agreement with the BBC on the sale of its international and domestic archive programmes to foreign broadcasters when it expires in six months' time. If a compromise is not reached the BBC will lose an important source of funds for original production. ian McGarry, the general secre-

#### How the old gold is mined

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	2.4.78 (USA)		
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The Bill	16.10.84	ance	450+****

\* All rights to BBC programmes belong to the BBC. At the end of their run on UK Gold they may be shown again on BBC terrestrial television. Continuing drams, such as EastEnders, will be seen in parallel; old on Gold, new on terrestrial. \*\* UK Gold has access to all episodes of Neighbours, which will be shown chronologically. However, if it calches up with the BBC it will have to alop.

The last three seasons of Dellas have yet to be repet \*\*\* The SRI will be screamed in perpetuity on UK Gold, starting from episode one. This will not affect the screening of new episodes on ITV. As of December 11 478 apisodes will have been made.

the union's 45,000 members fees which amounted to £2 each per rerun of a show in a series, or £30 as a minimum fee for a one-off show.

tary of Equity, has criticised the BBC for displaying "unprecedented meanness" in offering many of un of a series on the new channel. The BBC says its fees are less than those paid for work broadcast on BBC1 and BBC2 because the

#### EYES ON THE SKY

Television viewers in 3.4 million British homes — about 11 million people — are watching satellite channels. By 1995, viewers in between six and seven million more homes will join them, if independent forecasters are to be believed.

British Sky Broadcasting, which has become synonymous with satellite since the merger two years ago between BSB and Sky, now attracts 22.3 per cent of all viewing in cable and satellite homes with its sixchannel mix of films, soans and dating games. Premier League soccer and 24-hour news.

There are eight more Englishlanguage channels outside the BSkyB nexus on the Luxembourgbased Astra satellite CNN, Screensport, Eurosport, MTV, The Children's Channel, Lifestyle, The Adult Channel and Sateline Jukebox. TVAsia is a multicultural Asian station broadcasting in Hindustani and English. But the launch of UK Gold represents the

first serious challenge to BSkyB.

ITV is also thinking of launching a spin-off on satellite, ITV2.

Of the 32 channels available on Astra, 28 are now broadcasting, many of them French, German and İtalian.

But many more channels are available on cable, which is now connected to more than 1.6 million homes after a capital expenditure of £450 million. As of the beginning of July, 552,105 homes had subscribed to watch as many as 69 channels licensed by the Independent Television Commission, including those broadcast by Astra.

Although the recession has slowed the laying of the cable network, by the year 2000, over 14 million homes are expected to have access and between 55 and 60 per cent of those homes will have subscribed, according to ITC

Latest data from the Broadcasting Audience Research Board (Barb) shows that all satellite and cable channels get 29.8 per cent of viewing, compared with ITV and Channel 4's combined share of 40.3 per cent and the BBC's share of 29.9 per cent.

## Guilty secret climbs out of Japan's cellar

Tomorrow, under tight police guard and what promises to be a leaden sky, thousands of Japanese men, women and children will rise to challenge the rigid social conventions of their country, defying traditions from which they and their ancestors have seen excluded for centuries. Arrivng from all extremities of the archipelago, they will assemble in Tokyo's Meiji Park to protest against their plight as members of hidden community of three llion burakamin, the untouchbles and unmentionables who live in poverty beneath the collective sciousness of 120 million fellow iananese.

The burakumin are the descenlants of the tanners, leather workers and grave diggers who, because of Bhuddist strictures on handling lead animal matter, were legally

humans" during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Categorised beneath the four social classes of the time - the warriors, farmers, artisans and merchants - they were segregated in outcast settle-ments which were deliberately omitted from maps. They were forbidden to marry outside their caste, to enter the house of a nonburakumin, or to eat, drink or smoke in his presence. They were counted with the numerical suffix used for counting animals and had to mark themselves with a piece of

leather pinned to their clothing.

Today, over a century since the

passage of the 1871 emancipation

stigmatised and classified as "non-

Tomorrow, representatives of Japan's three million untouchables will take to the streets in protest at their continuing oppression

edict, the residue of that feudal ideology ensures that the burukumin remain hidden, still confined to society's basement. The word "burnkumin" is edited out of dictionaries, is banned by tacit agreement in the media and is missing in the vocabulary of most politicians, government officials, and most citizens.

It is easy to see why "ordinary" Japanese prefer to pretend that the burakumin do not exist. They are at odds with a prized image of harmony and homogeneity and they tarnish the glowing statistics which make Japan a showcase of prosperity and social well-being.

Yusuke Kobayashi, a 47-year-old burukumin, is unemployed in a nation that claims almost full employment. He is illiterate in a nation that boasts total literacy, and he lives on a poverty line that the authorities choose to ignore. He ekes out a subsistance living from occasional day-labouring jobs and shares with six others his one room

shack built from sheets of rusty corrugated iron and plastic in one of 90 burakumin slums in Kiryu

City, 40 miles north of Tokyo. Mr Kobayashi's son is a member of the local Burakumin Liberation League. He plans to attend tomorrow's protest, which has been called to mark the 29th anniversary of the arrest of Kazuo Ishikawa, a burakumin who has spent most of his life in Chiha prison, convicted of a murder which he and many

"Prejudice is everywhere once people discover who we are. We cannot get good jobs. We cannot marry non-burakumin. The only way to escape our fate at the bottom of society is to completely erase our identities," Terao Shirabayashi. a rubbish collector and BLL mem-

So low and embarrassing is the status of the burakumin that "ordinary Japanese when questioned will go to any lengths to deny their existence. There is no such thing as a slum in this city and all of that unmentionable problem disap-peared long before I was born." says a policeman in Kobe, a city that contains 55 burakumin ghettos, some of which are among the most notorious slums in Japan, and over 50,000 burakumin households, according to the BLL

Discrimination in employment persists. Over 200 of Japan's largest corporations, many of them household names, are said to have compiled lists in their personnel departments with details of of burakumin ghettos, household numbers and residents' names, researched and kept up to date by detective agencies, to screen out "unsuitable" job applicants.

Sueo Murakoshi, a BLL director, says: "Our problem is that our existence and the discrimination we suffer can be ignored and denied so easily. I believe our problem is more severe than

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As police seize more Semtex, Edward Gorman and George Brock consider a failing terror campaign

# Why the IRA is losing its war of attrition

also alienate ordinary people in

both Ireland and Britain. To offset

unpopularity, the IRA has steadily

refined its operations by reducing its list of so-called "legitimate

targets". It has turned away from

6 The IRA is

swimming against the

tide of history: 23 years

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revived its campaign of violence, the IRA resembles a long-distance swimmer attempting to cross an ocean of indifference. Its staying power cannot be denied, but it is no nearer its goal of breaking Britain's connection with Ireland than it was in 1971 when it shot its first British soldier, Gunner Robert Curtis.

The IRA's top activists insist that violence forces British politicians constantly to review the possibility of withdrawing from Northern Ireland. "Inexorably the Irish will come closer to freedom regardless of how tenaciously the Brits ding to their last foothold in this country." a member of the IRA's "headquarters staff" said in Dublin recently.

Asked to specify the evidence of the government's weakening re-solve, he pointed to the 40 explosions which the IRA has detonated in mainland Britain since the general election last April and which are leading the security forces analysts to predict further bombs this Christmas. "How many more Staples Corners and Baltic

The past supplies a simple answer to this question: a great deal more. Despite multiple atrocities through the 1970s and 1980s in Birmingham

Guildford, anacks on army buses, discos and bands, days of paralysed traffic and trains in Belfast and London, harrowing fatalities from Enniskillen to Harrods, British public opinion has hardly budged. Just over 3,000 deaths in the Northern Ireland troubles and billions of pounds worth of damage have left the British government sadder and wiser, but with its central resolve not to be expelled from Ireland by force still intact. As a political issue in the last three general elections, Northern Ireland barely registers on the opinion pollsters' lists.

The IRA can still operate and years of practice have perfected many of their techniques. But the technical accomplishments and the occasional admiration of the security forces only serve to highlight the emptiness of their secret skills. The goal of breaking the British connection is further out of reach than ever. Incessant predictions that the British political establishment would see sense and pull out of an ungrateful, expensive, dan-gerous and little-known piece of the United Kingdom have been slowly undermined.

A conversation with an IRA official drives home how difficult high-profile violence has become to organise. Gun and bomb attacks inside Northern Ireland itself are

London in recent weeks has been treated as almost routine. The. chaos on the capital's rail network earlier in the year was miserable, but relegated the IRA in the public's eyes to the status of bad

weather or disruptive railmen. Even the huge bomb at the Baltic Exchange on April 10 bought only 48 hours-worth of wall-to-wall media

The organ-isation's leadership finds the sugges-tion that its violence is little more than "background noise" in the life of these islands, particularly annoying. Any objective recording of the facts would counter

that picture," Insisted a senior leader of the organisation in a The IRA is torn between two pactical aims now in conflict. Its active service units can try, by attempting to murder Mrs Thatcher in the Grand Hotel or by

succeeding in killing Lord Mount-

batten, to wear down the British

no-warning bomb attacks designed to kill large numbers of civilians to its present policy of issuing warnings. The Provisional IRA can be seen more now as a "designer terrorist" organisation, no longer as brutal and radical as it once was. The troubles in the 1990s are more than ever a private underground war between dedicated but unseen rivals which allows civilised life to

rarely reported in the mainland political class. But those spectacular continue almost oblivious to the media. The succession of bombs in attempts to terrify an establishment battle being fought in its midst. Street protest and political activ-

ism have run out of steam. This decay is evident in the fortunes of Sinn Fein which entered the political mainstream riding high on the drama of the hunger strikes but has

since subsided. The IRA's political attracts around 10 per cent Province and appears to be stuck

claiming that the fortunes of Sinn Fein make no difference and are not a realistic yardstick of its own future a striking change of tone from the days of a strategy once

ballot box. Provisional leaders argue that it is not the size of their political constituency which sustains them but the conditions in Northern Ireland which make continued conflict inevitable. "The six county statelet is so fatally and

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fundamentally flawed, that it is that itself - and this is what the British need to understand - which gives

rise to the conditions for conflict," said the member of the headquarters staff. "It isn't the IRA and certainly not the IRA support base. The conditions are the real recipe for conflict. So long as partition remains, there will be opposition."

But this incantation has less and less resonance in the Irish republicitself where only 1.7 per cent of the electorate now votes Sinn Fein More importantly, the "Green" element within Flanna Fail which considers itself the guardian of Irish nationalism in mainstream politics, is hardly the force it was in the 1970s and early 1980s. There was a time 10 years ago when a Fianna Fail prime minister. Charles Hanghey, could appeal to the unfulfilled ambition for Irish the control of the unfulfilled ambition for Irish the control of the unfulfilled ambition for Irish the control of the unit o unity among his party with talk of Northern Ireland as a "failed political entity". Today, Mr Haughey's successor Albert Reyn-

olds is seriously contemplating toning down or even abandoning the venerated articles of the constitution which lay claim to Northern Ireland. Old-style republicanism is out in the cold.

Despite all of this, the IRA has no intention of giving up. It seems quite capable of staring defeat in the face for many more years. "It remains our intention to meet the enemy wherever and whenever possible " said the IRA commandintention to sustain our activity and where possible to escalate it." The IRA can switch on a higher level of violence when it chooses, but fresh escalations bring no new rewards. The central questions of British security and political policy are now about an endgame. What is the most effective way of closing the IRA down? Internment; new political structures which will temps them into constitutional politics; or an end to constitutional tinkering as a terminal discouragement of IRA dreams of forcing change?

Although his remark was vigor ously disowned, a senior Sinn Fein official recently suggested that if Britain issued a declaration of intent to withdraw from Northern Ireland, a prolonged period of peace would occur before Britain actually left. This implausible proposal was, by the standards of previous IRA irredentism, one of the most pragmatic concessions

ever contemplated.

Two decades of bombing reveals that the modern republican cause and campaign are running against the tide of history. The IRA's members are as single-minded. well-equipped and unsentimental as they have ever been, but they are making no progress. The swimmer has not yet drowned but is merely

## Mugged by the statistics

Figures purporting to show that crime levels are rising mean little but breed a climate of fear

rime wave time is here again. This week not one figures emerged from the Home Office. It is therefore time to put the cracked record back on the turnizable. I repeat, these figures are rubbish. They mean nothing. They are devoid of sense. They should not be collected. Those peddling them should be arrested for mendacity, for spreading public alarm and for demanding salaries with

Since "soaring crime" leaves even naked Madonna standing in the race for headline appeal, my will be lenoted, I shall therefore present a foolproof proposal for reversing the crime wave completely, but more of that later. First some background. The two sets of statistics that appeared on Wednesday were the police "notifiable offences" total for the year and the separate Home Office British crime survey.

The first of these is complete tosh. That proper statisticians lend credit to it proves Bernard Shaw: all professions are conspiracies against the laity. The figure is not of crime. despite all the headlines, but of offences entered in books at police stations, whence they are doctored and then sent to the Home Office. The latter use them to scare the Treasury into giving more money to policemen. These figures show crime growing and have done so ever since the 1830s.

Equating crime recorded by the police with real crime is like counting the pebbles on a beach by counting the ones on top. The more counts are made, the more are likely to be found. The reason is that each year there are more policemen, more telephones, more insurance policies, more lawyers, more crimes defined by Parliament and probably more statisticians. Last year Gloucestershire recorded a "crime wave" when one villain told the police about 3.000 previ-

#### SIMON JENKINS.

ously unknown thefts. Three years ago Thames valley "sex crime soared" following a series of police raids on one homosexual lavatory in Slough. In Salford I recall a "drugs crime epidemic" when police decided to record dozens of glue-sniffers they had previously

Such statistical inflation is grotesque and timeless. The children's acts of 1907 and 1933 brought reach of the courts. They led to instant crime waves that were purely definitional but caused public sensations. In the late 1970s vandalism "doubled" when the Home Office ended the lower value limit on minor incidents. Hundreds of thousands more crimes were recorded and vandalism "soared" by 50 per cent. Figures are still published showing crime trends since the war. They are

The black economy is a huge vat of crime into which a politician or statistician may dip at leisure. The Home Secretary can record as much theft or fraud as he chooses: he has only to pay more policemen to go looking for it. A small shift in no-claims bonuses may have a drastic impact on reported car crime. A sensitive police domestic violence unit will lead to a rash of recorded rapes and assaults. I repeat, police crime figures are

The rubbish is put in some perspective by the second set of figures, the British crime survey (BCS). It says that the police know of, and thus record, only one out of three actual crimes. The BCS confidently asserts that crime has risen by 14 per cent in the past five years, against a police rise of 39 per cent. Violent crime is up 9 per cent

against the police's 34 per cent. Even assuming the British crime survey keeps its sample constant a rash assumption — the discrepancy is glaring. It is put down to the public being more inclined to report incidents because of more telephone ownership and more insurance cover.

The effect of this discrepancy is blatantly to undermine the police figures. The crime "wave" could be no more than a telephone wave or an insurance wave. Does the Home Office apologise for years of deceit and say it will stop collating the police figures? And miss a chance a year over social decay and the immorality of youth? No way.

Is crime really increasing? Goodness knows. We are in the realm not of statistics but archaeology. With each dig, a new layer of misdemeanour which society once took in its stride is unearthed and catalogued as a crime. A third of all crime involves vehicles, another third is theft. It would be odd if these did not increase as cars and consumer durables increase. Does this mean a more evil or more dangerous community, or just a

Smart neighbourhoods may see more crime as crooks have more cars, but what of poorer ones where violence used to be endemic but went unrecorded? Are we becoming less tolerant of youthful misbehaviour, or more inclined to pass the buck to the police? Who can really tell us: the priest, the teacher. the doctor? Certainly not the statistician. I can only agree with the social historian. Geoffrey Pearson, that statements about crime waves cannot be true or false, but "logically undecidable". We must sigh with Matthew Arnold, "that one thing only has been lent! To youth and age in common - discontent." But rather than go on whistling into the wind I present a modest



Garotters lying in wait in Victorian London: fear of street violence is still easily fanned by harid images and crime wave reports

lines are caused not by criminals but by statisticians. They must be told to stop recording more crime and start recording less. Rising crime is a symptom of a wimpish society. Let us tell society to hang tough. Cut from the figures such semi-crimes as "attempted and noloss thefts from vehicles". Cut thefts from unsecured motor cars: leaving such cars in the street is like throwing £20 notes in the gutter. Cut all thefts worth less than £50.

Treat them as accidents.

should charge insurance companies for verifying petty burglaries that are not worth investigating. More companies would then pay up without police notification. If the public does want to record a burglary, it should do so in person at a police station; telephones should be used only to summon the police to incidents. As for violence, refuse a statistical accolade to any male who is victim of a common assault when drunk. He probably asked for it. Refuse to record sex For good measure, the police

and drugs offences subject to a

caution. Sensation-mongering programmes such as Crimewatch that exploit public, and especially female, fear of crime should be

Dayment. These measures will not reduce crime. But they will give that illusion. The published totals for auto-crime, burglary and assault would be slashed. This will correct decades of distortion and combat the real current evil, which is public fear of being overwhelmed by crime. Britain has one of the lowest proclaimed crime rates in Europe

yet the highest fear of crime. Anti-social behaviour is a constant in any community. As we get richer we stamp more such behavlour as criminal. The BCS suggests that we probably do steal more as we have more to steal. We possibly shoot each other more if we have more weapons to hand. If we --criminalise certain acts, such as polluting the environment or taking certain drugs, we will have more crime. That's life. But why scare the wits out of ourselves with

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Cheep and cheerful FEATHERS are expected to fly at the Wimbledon home of racing driver James Hunt tomorrow. when the former Formula One world champion puts his collection of of 150 pedigree budgies up for auction. Hunt, who began keeping budgies in 1985 as an antidote to his hectic life, has built his collec-



#### Now build us a cabinet

NORMAN LAMONT'S Mansion House speech last night held out little hope of an immediate end to the recession, but the Chancellor is at least providing some gainful employment for the construction industry, one of the worst hit sectors of the economy.

Lamont delivered his speech at Guildhall, because of building work at the Mansion House. It is a process he is familiar with. Extensive renovation work has just been completed at Dorneywood, the Chancellor's magnificent graceand-favour weekend residence. Set in 214 acres of Buckinghamshire woodland, the property - complete with swimming-pool and 11 bed-rooms — is administered by the Dorneywood Trust, which refuses to disclose the cost.

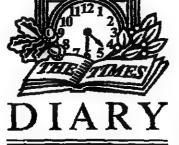
"Major renovations were carried out to the roof; a new boilerhouse was built, the central-heating was updated, and associated decorating works were carried out," says Lesie Croydon from the trust. "The funds come from a private charitable trust. We don't want to encourage enquiries into the trust but it did not cost the taxpayer anything."

The taxpayer will see little of the improvements. The landscaped gardens of the Queen Anne mansion are opened to the public only four times a year, and visitors are not allowed inside the house.

Lamont was forced to abandon Dorneywood, which he inherited from Kenneth Baker after the election, due to the invasion of the builders. It means the Chancellor, a keen ornithologist, was robbed of a favourite pastime stealing into the nearby Burnham Woods, with his trousers pulled over his pyjamas, to listen to the nightingales.

Number 11 Downing Street has itself undergone expensive security improvements recently, and John Major too has succumbed to the Jackie Onassis syndrome. A multimillion pound programme of renovations at Number 10 to upgrade security is under way. The work will last several months, and the cost will be borne by the Treasury. Major has in alternative accommodation at Admiralty House during the improvements.

Even Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker known for her elegant taste, is doing her bit for the men in hard hats. Decorators have moved into her official residence in the



Palace of Westminster. The enormous dining-room is being decorated in shades of beige and new rugs and curtain pelmets are being

#### And I'm Napoleon

THERE is much giee among Tory Euro-sceptics over the latest humillation suffered by Jacques Delors. Just two months before the EC tears down its internal borders, Delors, head of the European Commission and the architect of the Europe sans frontiers plan, has discovered just how binding red

tape can be. He and a 60-strong party of diplomats flying from a meeting in Strasbourg to Brussels on Tuesday night had their aeroplane diverted

to Charleroi airport in southern Belgium. Immigration officials delayed the party for 45 minutes while personal documents were

It was a novel experience for Delors, who is usually waved through immigration control. "It was a ridiculous and brutal application of the law," says one trate Commission official. A letter of complaint is on its way to the airport officials, signed by no less a man than David Williamson, secretary-general of the Commission.

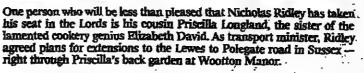
#### From grot to grotto OFFICIALS at the Department of

Employment have surfaced after the latest unemployment figures to come to the rescue of Kylie and Co. Dimly aware of the growing attraction of Australian soap stars in Britain, the government has told the actors union Equity that it cannot ban crews from Neighbours or Home and Away from acting in

British pantomimes at Christmas. A record number of antipodeans are appearing on the stage this year, and Equity has vigorously op-posed some of the applications for work permits. Those planning to tread the boards include Neighbours regulars Stefan Dennis (Paul) and Ian Smith (Harold), as must go on."







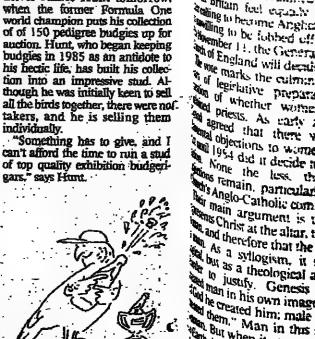
well as numerous others from • Yesterday's embarrassing leak of Ramsey Street and four from Home and Away.

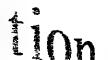
But the Department of the Em-ployment has told Equity that if it wants to ban the Australians. it must also consider barring sporting stars such as Ian Botham and Frank Bruno from the stage. "What we cannot do is say who should appear. We can only react to requests for work permits," says a department spokesman. "In this case we see these people as central to the pantos — the show

the Foreign Office's confidential response to the Danish opposition's proposals on Maastricht was no dastardly Euro-sceptic plot. Instead, an official who had been photocopying documents on Hong Kong inadvertently included the secret memo in the pile of papers for the press. Journalists expecting reams on Hong Kong could not believe their luck when the gem on Maastricht popped out. The FO would not confirm the official's status. But if he wasn't a juntor official yesterday, he will be today.











### A TRAGEDY OF ERRORS

Officials should now pay for their mistakes

In last night's Mansion House speech, Norman Lamont laid out reforms designed to improve decision-making in the Treasury and Bank of England and expose these secretive institutions to greater public accountability. After the débacles of ERM membership and devaluation, institutional changes are both inevitable and welcome. But they should not be allowed to deflect attention from an equally necessary and urgent task. Norman Lamont will probably not continue as Chancellor much longer. The other people involved in the crucial decisions must also be made to accept responsibility for their mistakes.

John Wilby, the head of the London Ambulance Service, has rightly resigned this week, Robert Priddle, the civil servant responsible for the coal industry, has been transferred to another post. Yet the Treasury and Bank are apparently being shielded, from accountability not only for the ERM fiasco, but also the BCCI banking scandal. Making senior civil servants responsible when their policies lead to disaster is not a matter of seeking scapegoats or trying to distract attention from ministers. If John Major is sincere in his rhetoric about improving government and making it more accountable, then to expose poor judgment at the very top of the civil service is much more important than to attack rudeness and idleness among petty bureaucrats through

citizens' charters. A means must be found for senior civil servants to be held more accountable for the advice they give to ministers. Given the scale and complexity of modern government, ministers have neither the time nor the technical expertise to assess all the evidence relating to their decisions. That is the job of their official advisers. Even on such central

issues as the costs and benefits of ERM membership, or the possibility of a realignment before Black Wednesday, the Chancellor and prime minister simply did not have the economic expertise to gather the evidence for themselves.

On September 8, for example, Mr Lamont predicted that "devaluation would lead to a damaging rise in interest rates". Interest rates have fallen sharply since devaluation, but Mr Lamont should not bear all the blame for this inaccurate prediction. The Chancellor is not an economic forecaster or professional financier. Even though the question of whether devaluation would lead to higher or lower interest rates was fundamental to all his policy decisions, Mr Lamont simply did not have the expert knowledge to "decide". If he was convinced that devaluation would lead to disaster, it could only have been on the basis of unequivocal Treasury advice. That advice has been now been proved completely mistaken, not only on the question of interest rates but on a multitude of other issues connected with membership of the ERM.

From this dismal record, three inferences are possible. Either the Treasury and Bank of England were run by well-meaning men and women who simply did not understand the economic and financial consequences of ERM membership and withdrawal. Or they were run by ideologues who deliberately hid from the Chancellor all arguments that conflicted with their point of view. The third possibility is that top officials offered balanced, impartial and correct advice, only to be ignored by the politicians. If this were true, the officials in question should now be required to prove it. The new openness announced by the Chancellor yesterday must be accompanied by accountability.

#### **COLD COMFORT FROM DENMARK**

The Danish "solution" is no solution for Mr Major

stantive" motion on Maastricht has themerit of appearing more courageous than resort to a procedural motion, while winning him Liberal support to offset the larger number of Tory rebels.

He must still reduce their number if the government is to carry the day. Douglas Hurd's stern admonition last Wednesday that the Commons must decide whether or not "it wants the prime mi over the Edinburgh summit" may not have been quite the slip his officials claimed. The gameplan seems to be to convince Tory backbenchers that this is the vote of confidence which, formally, it is not.

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Mr Major's choice wrongfoots Labour, which will have to explain why it is voting against a European policy with which it formally agrees. John Smith will concentrate on the charge that this confrontation is premature, by Mr Major's own reckoning. since subsidiarity and the Danish problem remain unsettled.

Mr Major's EC partners, who are slowly realising just how much trouble he is in, have done their best to help. Italy ratified the Maastricht treaty yesterday; and the Danes have presented their Edinburgh shopping list earlier than planned. The Danish move may have tipped the balance in Downing Street. Despite the awkward publication of a sceptical internal Foreign Office memorandum, Mr Major and Douglas Hurd would have MPs believe that the rest is history.

The gloss they rushed to put on it was that the Danes have spoken wisely and well, British diplomacy will soon steer its partners

John Major has chosen his weapon for next towards a meeting of minds and the week's duel. His decision to take his Maastricht treaty will glide safety into backbench rebels head on with a "sub-harbour next year. Mr Major hastened to add that since Parliament's procedures are "long and complex", it had better start soon, if Britain is not to drag in history's wake.

Rosy Scenario's appearance is likely to be brief. Some of Denmark's demands, notably its emphasis on more democracy and openness in the EC, and a clear division of duties between the Community and national governments, are helpful to Mr Major. But on out clause in the treaty to one as solid as Britain's. And it wants nothing to do either with a common defence policy or with any obligations arising from "citizenship of the Union". France will vehemently resist both of these.

Above all, the package has been agreed with Danish opposition parties, who insist that it is non-negotiable. Denmark says that it does not seek amendments to the treaty; but that the treaty must be "changed", in terms that are legally binding. This Jacques Delors dismissed out of hand yesterday. But Danes will not be satisfied with an Edinburgh declaration, because it would lack the necessary legal force. As a treaty, Maastricht would prevail in EC law over separate legislation. Protocols would have the force of treaty, but would in effect amend Maastricht: which is just what the other 11 member states have so far refused to contemplate.

The odds must still be on deadlock at Edinburgh. Denmark's agenda is clear, its demands specific. Publication clears the air. But it does not solve Mr Major's problems, either next week or for months to come.

#### THE PRIESTLY VOCATION

The arguments for female ordination are now irresistible

Exactly 140 years ago, Florence Nightingale wrote: "I would have given the Church my head, my hand, and my heart. She would not have them. She told me to go back and do crochet in my mother's drawing room." Today some 1,300 ordained women deacons in Britain feel equally passionate in their calling to become Anglican priests and as unwilling to be fobbed off with crochet. On November 11, the General Synod of the Church of England will decide their fate.

The vote marks the culmination of eight years of legislative preparation on the question of whether women should be ordained priests. As early as 1975, the Synod agreed that there were no fundamental objections to women priests, but not until 1984 did it decide to take positive action. None the less, the theological objections remain, particularly among the Church's Anglo-Catholic community.

Their main argument is that the priest represents Christ at the altar, that Christ was a man, and therefore that the priest must be a man. As a syllogism, it sounds neatly logical, but as a theological argument, it is harder to justify. Genesis states: "God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Man in this sense includes woman. But when it came to sending Jesus to Earth, it could not be as a hermaphrodite. To choose a male form made sense in those days. Had Jesus been female, would women now be guarding the priesthood against the

opposite sex as jealously as do men? The stronger argument, perhaps, is that of tradition. The Church of England is by its nature conservative and established. For

nearly 2,000 years, it has elevated only men to the priesthood. Why bow to secular pressure now?

It would not be the first time. The Church endorsed slavery too until that stance became unacceptable. As Virginia Bottomley pointed out last week, "It is odd to think that women can fulfil virtually every role in society, including head of state and head of government, but that there is some biological prohibition from service as an ordained minister." The pressure from inside and outside the Church is becoming irresistible.

Would the introduction of women priests into the Church of England irreparably set back the cause of Christian unity? The Roman Catholic Church continues ecumenical dialogue with the Anglican Communion, which has women priests in about half its member churches. But no one should delude himself that reconciliation is around the corner. Anglican holy orders were declared null and void by Leo XIII in a papal bull in September 1896. The declaration has never been rescinded. This Pope would not consider reconciliation; a new Pope might have a different view on women priests even within his own Church.

The legislation on which the Synod will vote acknowledges the concerns of the conservative minority. Parishes will be allowed to vote against having a woman priest; vicars and rectors will be able to decide who may and may not minister in a parish; and bishops already in office will be allowed to maintain the status quo within their diocese. Those clergy who still want to resign will be helped financially. The opponents cannot ask for more.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Planning nation's energy policy

From Lord Flowers, FRS, and Professor Emeritus L. E. J. Roberts, FRS

Sir. We are promised a wide-ranging review of energy policy, to be com-pleted in the next three months. Such a review should include questions of demand as well as supply if the maximum economic advantage is to be gained, and we are committed to causing less pollution.

At the Rio earth summit in June the prime minister agreed a target of reducing our emissions of carbon dioxide to 1990 levels by the year 2000, and stricter targets may well be required later. In this context, a move to generating electricity by burning gas rather than coal is a short-term

In the longer term, gas should be reserved for other uses and our electricity be supplied by a balance of coal-burning and non-polluting technologies. The latter include nuclear power, which was due to be reviewed in 1994, and an increasing contribu-tion from wind and tidal power.

But the most urgent need is action towards energy conservation. We must learn to use our precious fuel reserves more efficiently than we do. A phased reduction in coal mining would be more acceptable if it were seen to be linked to job creation in sectors such as the construction industry, electricity generation, elec-trical appliances and transport, aimed at reducing long-term energy de-

The exploitation of many technologies already available would serve to move towards the Rio targets, boost the economy now and lead to lasting economic gain, less pollution and improved security of energy supply.

Yours faithfully. FLOWERS. L. E. J. ROBERTS, 53 Athenseum Road, N20. October 23.

#### From Mr David Penfold

Sir, The question should be not just which fuel to use in power stations. but also the best way to burn the limited amount of gas left in our reserves. Gas is most efficiently used for space-heating using modern boil-ers with high thermal efficiencies. Coal is better burnt in large plant, where it is practicable to achieve good combustion efficiency and to apply complex pollution controls.

We need an energy policy for the whole country, rather than one for each industry. It needs to address the environmental as well as the economic and social implications of the choices made and to consider the long-term consequences.

There are more efficient and less polluting ways of burning coal which need developing to commercial viability. It is short-sighted that develop-ment funding for some of these projects is apparently being phased out.

Yours sincerely.
DAVID PENFOLD. David Penfold Associates (Environmental management consultancy), 17 Norwood Park, Birkby, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. October 27.

#### Women barristers

From Miss Jean Henderson

Sir, When I started practising as a barrister - I was called in 1943 and practised until 1984 - there was one other woman barrister about in the Temple and a few others scattered over the country. We were barristers, not women barristers. We were welcomed and helped and took the rough with the smooth as barristers.

Gradually our numbers have in-creased and this has led to what I regard as having been the wrong turning. We have separated ourselves in the profession with complaints and demands for equal opportunities "The bench is not a men's club", October 20; letter, October 28).

I find this misplaced and demeaning. (I may say, in response to Helena Kennedy's article of October 8, that I cannot recall a single occasion on which I felt I had been unfairly treated by the judge.)

If we have an appointment in our sights let it be, if it comes, on merit backed by experience and competence, not clouded and diminished by considerations of quotas.

Yours faithfully. JEAN HENDERSON. 42 Hampstead Way, NW11.

#### Harder to remember

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, There is an American affiliate to the Craft (Can't Remember a Flip-ping Thing) Club (letters, October 22, 26, 28). It was founded by George Burns who, when tying his shoelace, produced the inspired thought: "Hello! What else can I be doing while I am down here?"

Yours muly. BERNARD KAUKAS, Savage Club, 1 Whitehall Place, SW1. October 28.

Letters to the editor that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

#### Reorganising London's hospitals

From Mr Ian Guyster

Sir, In the light of the statement (report, October 24) recently made by the secretary of state for health that "London has too many hospitals and too many beds", can somebody ex-plain to me why there should be any waiting list at all for such beds at all in the London area?

Yours faithfully, IAN GUYSTER, lan Guyster & Co., Solicitors, Edinburgh House 40 Great Portland Street, W1. October 27.

From the Director of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation

Sir, Bernard Tomlinson has recommended that all London's renowned postgraduate medical research institutes are amalgamated with multifaculty colleges of the University of London, which cater for a broad range of subjects from astrophysics to sociology. In the view of this federa-tion (which is a school of the university) this would be unnecessary and unhelpful.

There is indeed a good case for strong academic links between the institutes and the basic science faculties of these colleges. Full-scale amalgamation, however, would threaten the very strengths in clinical research which we should be trying to enhance in London.

All the institutes are linked with specialist hospitals. For example, the National Heart and Lung Institute works with Royal Brompton on the same site in Chelsea, providing a vital link between medical research and patient care. Financial amalgamation with the large colleges would in-evitably weaken that link and lead to less devolved management and loss of

research focus.

Clinical research in London is already under threat from the Tomlinson proposals to change the funding arrangements for patients who take part in medical research programmes. Combining unwanted reorganisation with changes in funding could do serious damage to London's ability to produce worldclass research.

Yours sincerely, MALCOLM GREEN, Director, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, University of London,

33 Millman Street, London WC1.

From Mr Christopher Bishop

Sir, Your leader in today's Times neglected one important aspect of the Tomlinson report. Its recommendations could provide Bernard Levin with a wide choice of sites on which to relocate the London School of Economics; sites ranging from one in the heart of the City to another within swimming distance of the Palace of Westminster.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER BISHOP, Laurel Cottage, Daglingworth, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. October 24.

#### Legal aid and access to justice

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, The Lord Chancellor's latest proposals for legal aid (report, October 26) are largely about controlling rising costs rather than addressing some of the structural problems of the

The existing scheme fails to meet consumers' needs in housing, social security, debt, employment and im-migration law. Eligibility has fallen dramatically despite the costs. Many people remain unaware of their

The Lord Chancellor should develop a strategy that assesses con-sumers' needs and ensures equal access to justice. It would examine ways of providing publicly funded legal services and the need for reform

of legal procedure. We suggest a mixed model of solicitors in private practice and salaried services. It must take into account the views of consumers.

Yours faithfully. RUTH EVANS, Director, National Consumer Council. 20 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1. October 26.

#### From Mr Ian Kelcey

Sir. The Lord Chancellor in his "keynote" speech to the Law Society (report, October 26) reiterated his intention to impose fixed fees. Such a course of action is destined to place the fabric of the criminal defence system at risk. In seeking to justify the unjustifiable he says that fixed fees will start to cap the legal-aid budget and produce greater efficiency among

practitioners. As a legal-aid solicitor I urge him to think again. There have been far too many miscarriages of justice in the recent past. The government should be even-handed when it comes to the cost of detection and prosecution on the one hand and the cost of defence on the other.

A royal commission is investigating our criminal justice system. The Lord Chancellor has consistently refused calls to refer this issue to this independent tribunal. If his arguments are so overwhelming why should the head of the judiciary be afraid to allow the commission to report on the matter?

Yours faithfully, IAN KELCEY. Kelczy & Hali (solicitors), Fosters Chambers 17 Small Street, Bristol, Avon. October 26.

From Mr J. J. R. Dirks

Sir, If the legal-aid system is to continue to support its current workload change is inevitable. This may lead to fewer but larger firms who can meet the criteria set by the Legal Aid Board. They will sub-franchise their management and quality-control skills to smaller practitioners within

their group.
This could result in no more than four firms acting as main franchisees in each of the 62 major court centres. The number of large firms acting as main suppliers of specialist legal-aid litigation would decline from 3,000 to 248, leaving the smaller firms and advice agencies with the more general advice and assistance work.

A reduction in suppliers does not automatically lead to fewer lawyers available to undertake the work, but it does mean a fundamental shift in practice management methods to cope with increasing volumes of work. Franchising is a logical step in the development of legal-aid services at a cost which society is able to meet.

Yours faithfully, J. J. R. DIRKS (solicitor), 243 Pensby Road, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside. October 28.

On the chin

From Mr Dennis Beard

where the razor had been.

Yours faithfully,

Co. Fermanagh.

October 27.

chin.

DENNIS BEARD.

Dromard House, Kesh,

From Mr Godfrey Dodds

Yours faithfully, GODFREY DODDS.

26 Elmhurst Court.

October 28.

Sir. Apropos your feature, "Is it weird not to have a beard?" (Looks, October

28), despite our name, I come from a

family of wet-shavers and it was my

grandfather who suggested about a

century ago that the principal func-

tion of a soapy lather was to show

Sir. Being unshaven for 46 years. I

have discovered that the thick cushion

of face hair is irresistible to the ladies, who are surprised not only by the soft

texture but by a sensitivity of nature in

the owner which is often thought to be

found only in those with a smooth

#### Fees for adoption

From Professor John Triseliotis

Sir. The government's announced intention to charge couples seeking to adopt (report, October 20) is incompatible with the appeal made to them to offer their homes to children needing new families. Over the last 15 or so years Britain has achieved a proud record in securing the adoption of many older children and those with disabilities who would otherwise have to spend the rest of their childhood in institutions and without a social base in life.

The argument that charging would place in-country applicants on the same footing with those applying to adopt inter-country does not take account of significant differences. Were this proposal to go forward it could jeopardise the future of many children. Yours faithfully,

J. TRISELIOTIS, University of Edinburgh, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, Adam Ferguson Building, George Square, Edinburgh 8. October 21.

#### Charity trustees

From Mr Anthony Swainson Sir, David Forrest (letter. October 22) argues for the setting up of an independent organisation to represent the interests of charity trustees. Trustees are the accountable leaders of charities, but also, generally speaking, important persons carrying out voluntary work. The day-to-day work is carried out by professional directors or secretaries who do not even have a governing body.
It is doubtful, therefore, whether a parent body for trustees would improve the efficiency of their work. Trustees are busy people whose names change all the time on charity It is better, in my view, to ensure

St Peters Road, Croydon, Surrey.

that the professionals have the internal responsibility for the efficient running of charities.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY SWAINSON (Director. Lord's Taverners, 1972-91). 48 Springhead, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

#### Parris enquiry on languages fluency

From Mr D. R. Pinyoun

Sir. I congranulate Matthew Partis on his article (October 26) querying the cost-effectiveness of "teaching" foreign languages in our schools. This part of the national curriculum is a sacred cow long overdue for the

slaughterhouse.

Parents are very frustrated to find that after up to five years "learning" a language, their offspring are in-capable of using it in the field to procure the necessities of life.

Not having taken Spanish at school, I found myself leaving my elder girl standing, with the help of a few weeks' concentration on a BBC
"Get by" course on tape and a decent
phrasebook. This happened on three
annual holidays. She secured a B
grade at GCSE.

My younger daughter is in her third year of French, and getting "commendation sheets" from her teacher, yet this summer in France was incapable of ordering food, drink or shelter, asking directions, or interpreting common signs and notices.

Let money saved on language "teaching" be put to good use in raising our abysmally low standards of English literacy and basic mathematics.

Yours faithfully, D. R. PINYOUN, 21 St Matthews Road. Sandwell, West Midlands. October 27.

From Mr S. T. Eason

Sir, Matthew Parris might like to visit my school. He will find more than 600 pupils studying French to GCSE level, the vast majority with significant success and every appearance of understanding the importance of foreign language competence. He will find ever-increasing num-

bers choosing to study German or Russian as well, both for GCSE and for A level. He will find increasing demand in the sixth form for language courses for those who have chosen to specialise in mathematical and scientific disciplines.

Everywhere, he will find pupils who can speak, and who enjoy speaking, one or more foreign languages.

Yours faithfully, S. T. EASON (Head of modern languages), Horsham, West Sussex. October 26.

From Councillor John Hart

Sir, I wish that Matthew Parris had extended his quizzing of Underground and train travellers on their knowledge of French to their knowledge of, say, algebra, physics or trigonometry.

People forget. Language is particu-larly forgettable, something to do with practice and short-term memory. Alexander Selkirk, the original "Robinson Crusoe", when rescued after almost five years on his desert island with only goats and cats for conversational company, could only half-mumble his native English.

Not knowing anything of at least one other language closes minds. The best analogy is perhaps provincialism of mind, and the complacency that goes with provincialism, even if that province is as big a one as the English-

speaking world. I have the honour to be. Sir, yours faithfully, JOHN HART. Members' Room, Town Hall, London Borough of Barnet, Hendon, NW4. October 26.

From Professor Saily Tomlinson

Sir. Matthew Parris is too pessimistic in his assumption that British schoolchildren do not want to learn other languages. There are undoubtedly many problems in finding suitably qualified teachers and in resourcing language teaching but in most schools children are keen to learn other languages and to learn about life in other countries.

One reason for this is that many children now realise that they may find employment in European or other countries not available in Britain. There are also a large number of British schoolchildren who already speak, in addition to English, two or more Asian languages and they are usually keen to learn European languages.

Yours faithfully, SALLY TOMLINSON. Department of Advanced and Continuing Education, Goldsmiths' College, New Cross, SE14. October 27.

From Mrs Pamela Wightwick

Sir. Matthew Parris's sample of 100 London Tube and rail passengers had probably all taken the old French O level, where there was far less emphasis on the spoken word than there is in GCSE. Perhaps August was not a very good month in which to do a survey, as most of those who can speak foreign languages would be away using them on the Continent.

Yours truly, PAMELA WIGHTWICK, Godolphin & Latymer School (French department). Lifley Road, Hammersmith, W6. October 27.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 28: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.
Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief
of the Adjutant-General's Corps,

of the Aujurgue-General's Corps, this morning received Lieutenant General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie (Colonel Commandam) and Lieutenant Colonel John Churchill (Regimental Lieutenant Colonel).

The Master of the Worshipful Company of Glovers (Mr John Wood) and the Past Master (Mr David Anderson) were received by The Queen, and presented Her Majesty with a gift of glover to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of The Queen's Accession.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron

and Trustee, today attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gen-eral Council in Sheffield.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, this evening attended a Reception given by the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers at St James's Palace.
Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 29: The Prince Edward, Trustee, today continued his attendance at the General Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Mrs Richard Warburton was in

amendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening amended a Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

The Prince Edward was received.

by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Lieutenant Colonel Sean

O'Dwyer was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 29: The Prince of Wales this morning visited HMS York (Captain Roy Clare RN). Lieutenant Commander Robert

Fraser RN was in attendance. His Royal Highness sub-sequently received the former Prime Minister of Thailand (Mr Anand Panyarachun) at Kensing-

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Project Derc Star Territorial Army Everest Expedition, this evening gave a Reception at Kensington Palace.

Finally, His Royal Highness attended a Concert in aid of the London Oratory Apeal at the Brompton Oratory, London SW3. Miss Belinda Harley was in

The Princess of Wales, Colonelin-Chief. 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), this evening attended a Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Chib, 127

Piccadilly, London W1.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Cap-tain Edward Musto RM were in ittendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon left Royal Air Force Northolt this morning for a visit to Brussels. Her Royal Highness was present this evening at the Open-ing Performance of The Comedy

of Errors" given by the Royal Shakespeare Company at the The-atre National as part of the Britain in Brussels Festival.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead and Major The Lord Napier and Ethick are in attendance. October 29: The Duke of Gloucester, President, the British Consultants Bureau, this morning

was present at the Annual General Meeting at the RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1. In the afternoon The Duke of

Gloucester, Patron, Action on Smoking and Health, was present at a Reception at the Palace of Westminster, London SW1. Major Nicholas Barne was in

#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will present the new colour to the RAF Regiment at RAF Catterick at 11.55. The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor, will visit Cambridge University and arrive at Hughes Hall at 11.00; as Honorary Mem-Hall at 11.00; as Honorary Mem-ber will visit the Hawks' Chib, Portugal Place. Cambridge, at 11.50; and will plant a tree at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Madingley, at 4.20. The Prince of Wales will open the Wessex Water Combi Bio-

Drier at Kingsweston Lane, Avonmouth, Bristol, at 10.10. Prince Edward, President of the Commonwealth Games Federa-tion, will officially launch the "Royal Ladies" Collector Coin

Programme, at Australia House, Strand, at 12.15. Princess Margaret, as President of the Girl Guides Association, will open the new Bitton Guide and Brownle headquarters, Bristol, at

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Mid Glamorgan Centre of Art and Design Technology in Pomy-pxidd at noon; will open new British Railway service between Cardiff and Maesteg at Bridgend at 2.50; and will attend the annual dinner of The Gloucestershire Regiment at the Army and Navy Chib at 7.45.

#### Birthdays today

Dr Yvonne Barton, manager of special projects, British Gas, 36; Sir Charles Brett, former chair-Sir Charles Brett, former chair-man, International Fund for Ire-land, 64; Lord Chilver, 66; Sir Robert Clayton, electrical en-gineer, 77; Sir Robert Easton, chairman, Yarrow Shipbuilders, 70; Sir Christopher Foster, econo-niist, 62; Sir Sydney Giffard, diplomat, 66; Viscount Green-wood, 78; Mr. I.S. McGreenwood, 78; Mr J.S. McGregor, former chairman, Honeywell, 65; M Louis Malle, film director, 60; Mr Guthrie Moir, former controlnmes, Thames Television, 75: Lord Robertson, 80; Sir William Shelton, MP, 63; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, 55; Admiral Sir Gordon Tait, 71; Sir David Wilson, former director, British Museum, 61: Mr Michael Winner, film producer and direc-

#### **Dinners**

Lord Mayer

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner last night at Guildhall the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, bankers and merchants of the City of London, members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and some members of the Court of Common Council of the Corporation of London. The Lord Mayor, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chairman of Lloyd's of London were the speakers. Among others present were:

Mir Noman Lamon, Mir Robh Leigh-Pemberton. Mrs David Coleridge, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, Sir Bobert Bellinger, Sir Peter Studd, Sir Bobert Bellinger, Sir Peter Studd, Sir Belward Howard, Sir Hugh Wontner, Dame Mary Donaldson, the Paymaster General, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Mr Anthony Neison, Mr. Mr Richard Ryder, Mr. Mr Neil Hamilton, Mr. Sir Alan Hardenstle, Sir Terence Burns, Professor Alan Budd, the Hon Sarah Hogs, er Andrew Turnimil and Mr. J. Heywood.

The Fortnguese Amhassador president at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Portuguese Society held last night at the London Fortman Hotel. He received the guests with Mr Stanley Duncan, chairman of the executive committee. Dr Jose Manuel Durho Barroso, Fortnguese Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, and Sir Michael Simpson-Oriebur, Director General of Caiming House, were the guests of honour and speakers.

United and Carl Chic

Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host to the United and Cecil Club at dismer at the House of Commons last night. Sir Marcus Rox, chaliman, presided and Mr Michael Portillo, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the principal guest and Mr Bobert Moreland also spoke.

The Right Hon Michael Howard, QC, MP. Secretary of State for the Environment was the principal guest at the tenth annual local Government Caronicle dinner at the Cafe Royal London, isst night. The other speakers were for Crispin Derby, Managing Director, LGC Communications, Cosmillor Eight Jenling, Deputy Chall, Association of District Councils, and Mr Paul Keenan, Editor, Local Government Caronicle.

let A J Duff, Chairman of the Milson Reynes Chamber of Commerce, presided at the snaual dinner of the Milson Reynes Chamber of Commerce held yearerday. Mr Christopher Suwan-Smith, President of the Association of Striish Chambers of Commerce, was usuet of honour and Association of British Chambers ( Commerce, was guest of honour an

TAYR An Ireiand

The TAVE Association for Northern Incland held its Autumn dinner in Belfast yearerday evening. The Eart of Erne presided and Sir Alexander Graham, Chairman of NELC, was the principal guest Among other guests were the Earl of Artan, Alderman Review Dirly, Lord Major of Belfast, Belgadier W.S. Shackell, Director of Reserve Porots and Cadets.

#### Service dinner

RAF Strike Commend

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Air Officer Command-Graydon, Air Officer Command-ing-in-Chief, RAF Strike Com-mand, and Lady Graydon were dired out at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at HQ Strike Command, RAF High Wyo-ombe. Air Marshal Sir John Kemball, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, received the guests and Group Captain M.R.H. Common presided.

#### Church news

APPUMENTS

The Res Clyne Schools Vicir, Glen Party w South Wigners to be Vicir, St James the Greater, Leicester (Leicenter). The Rev Beryl Rundle, Parish Descen

Chaplain: to be Chaplain to Rilesmere College (Lichield). The Rev David Wastle. Priest-in-the Rev David Wastle. Priest-in-thange. Jersey, St. James: to be Vicus, Jersey, St. James: to be Vicus, Jersey, St. James (Winchester). The Rev Robert Widdowson, Recur, Hussends Bosworth w Movelsy and Knapton and Theddingworth: to be Rector, Asterdby and Priest-in-change, Ab Estitive Group (Leicoster). The Rev Edward Wright, Aspittane Curate, St. Luke, Maidstone (Camerbury): to be Vicus, Cliffe at Hop w Cooling (Enchester).

Resignations and religizatests:
The Rev John Allen, Team Vicaz,
Bracinell Team Ministry (Orderd): has
retired.
The Rev Christopher Burdon, Priestin-charge, Oincy w. Emberton
(Oxford): has resigned to passe
academic studies.

The Rev Desmond Curson, Rector, St. Hilary w. Perranglimon (Trung)- to retire to Jan 1993. The Rev Charles Fonder, Vicar, Brompton by Sawdon w. Snainton, Enberston and Allerston (Totale carry retirement from New 3 30 cm grounds of III health.

The Rev Ruth Howe, Chaptain, St. Oswald's Hospice, Gosforth piewcastle; retired as them Aug 31.

The Rev Gordon Johnson, Vicar, Salweth and Schwitti (York: 10 retire from Jan 31, 1993.

The Rev Canon Barrey Peninesth,

from 3an 31, 1993.
The Rev Canon Harvey Penineath, fearn Sector, Helston and Wendrun (from); to mire from Dec 31.
The Rev Canon John Rham, vicar, 32, 1906 oct (fram); to relie from Jan 31.
The Rev Roderick Gibbs, vicar, 32, Mark, Woodcote, Puriey (Southward): to relie from Nov 3.
The Rev Robert Bather, wicar, Priminstew Conf. (Buth and Weile); to relie from Dec 31.
The Rev Prederick Wisson, assistant curran, Corby the Rojohany w 3t John the Baptist (greenbarough); to nestee from Oct 31.
The Rev Pred Eunald Cason, Lacturer

the Rapitat (Peterborough): to nester from Oct 31.

The Rev Preb Romald Cason, Lacturer in the Testanhall Regis and Testanhall Wood Team Islanisries (Lichifeld): to resize from Ian 10, 1993, when he will be appointed a Frebendary Emericas of Lichifeld Carbadral.

The Rev Preb Peter Comes, Vicar, Islanisch and Ash (Bath and Weifs): resired from Sept 30.

The Rev Horman Kriban and Norton (Peterborough): to retire from Nov 30.

The Rev Dr. Dennis bleavman, Vicar, Hampdon Park (Chichester): to retire from Nov 22.

The Rev Jim Reeves, Recaso, West Chiftingson (Chichester): to retire from Dec 31.

The Rev Ron Robinson, Vicar, St Mark, North Rod (Portsmooth): to resign from Dec 31, due to Ill-beakth.

The Rev Ron Robinson, Vicar, St Mark, North Rod (Portsmooth): to resign from Dec 31, due to Ill-beakth.

The Rev Frederick Wilson, Assistant Cartile, Carby the Epiphany w St John the Rapitat (Peterborough): to retire from Oct 31.

# When appointments Mr fim Berry, Acting Wishop's Legal Secretary and Registrar, diocese Baris and Wells: to be Bishop's Legal Secretary and Registrar, diocese Baris and Wells. Miss losephine Bar: to be Rishop's Remewal Adviser, diocese Baris and Wells. Brothers

Wells.
Rother Malcoin Fountain, SSF, hasistant curate, St Michael Handsworth (Birmleighsun): to the Priary. Hillield, Dorchester, Dorset.
Mr Tim Berry, Acting Rishopy legal Secretary and Registrar, diocese Bath and Wells: to be Bishopy Legal Secretary and Registrar, diocese Bath and Wells: to be Bishopy Legal Secretary and Registrar, diocese Bath and Wells.

Scottish Resiscopal Classes
Discusse of Aberdees
The Rev Frest McCarthy who mountly
relied as vicar of the parish of
Startforth with Bowes in the Discuss of
Rhoon, has been licensed to officiate at
St Michael's Dufflown.
The Rev Ross Royden, ecomemical
chaptain at Redford College, to be
rector of St Ternach, Sanchory and
Christ Church, Kincardese O'Neil in
January 1993.

Charcia in Wates

The Bev Godfrey Jones, remor of Cyriyiliog, Clocaenog and Liantwrog in the diocese of St ASRIPh to be vicar of Rusbon in the same diocese. Discuss of Lincolnic

Disonce of Linnshiff
The Rey Edward E Davies, Chrise in the Parish of Pomypridd St Catherine with Pomypridd St Matthew to be vicar of Pernshe with Massrdy. The Eev Canon Ernest E Thomas, Record of St Augustines, West Bad, Kimberley, in the Diocese of Kimberley and Enruman, South Africa to be vicar of Aberdare. The Rey David Huw Rhyddench, Vicar of Ystrak Rhonded, with Tryscyom, and Rural Dean of the Ehonded Eural Deaney to be Roctor of St Androw Major with Michaelston-le-Pit. The Rey Dr Brian M Londwick, Rector of Liansamor and Liantymach with Penllyn and Ystradowen and Rural Dean of Liantwick Major and Cowbridge Rural Deanery, also to be Chancellor of Liandarf Cathedral.

#### Luncheons

Rickerby Jersey Plint

The Partners of Rickerby Jessop Flint entertained Mr Mark Shedon (the President of the Law Society) at luncheon yesterday at Cheltenham. The other guests were His Honour Judge McNaught, Mr Anthony Millard and Mr Christopher Simkins.

The Park Tower Luncheon Clab The Park Tower Luncheon Club The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightskridge at the Sheraton Park Tower Hatel. Mr Derek Ploot, General Manager, and Miss Jacqueline McCount were the hosts and the goests were Miss Marjorie Orr. Mr Ken Bates, Dr Germaine Greer, Mr Richard Shepherd, Miss Angela Rippon, Mr Milton Shuhman, Mr Alan Whicker, Miss Valerie Kleeman, Miss Sue Gree.

Valerie Kleeman, Miss Sue Greg-ory and Mr Ian Johnstone. Woodayii Schools (Western Di-vision) Limited

At a recent special Chapter meet-At a recent special Chapter meeting of the Woodard Schools (Western Division) the Right Rev Bishop of Crediton was elected Provost of the Division following the retirement of the Right Rev C.J.E. Meyer. The Provost-Elect will be Installed by the President of the Woodard Corporation, the Right Rev Bishop of Winehester, in the Chapel of King's College, Taumton, on Priday, December 4, 1992.

#### Receptions

Lord Bruce of Donington Lord Brace of Donington was host at a reception on October 27,

1992, in the Cholmondeley Room in the House of Lords to mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of Zaiwalla & Co. Solicitors. Sarosh Zaiwalla Senior Partner, wel-

comed the guests who included:

indik Lenguel, M. G. T. Frantee. Mr.
Bruce. Harriy (President, London
Maritime Arbitratur's Association), Mr.
and Mrs. Afti Jatanja, Mr. Michael
Enowies, Mr. Monty Lewis, Mr. R. K.
Mehrorn, Miss. Pyoti Munsili, Mrs.
Sarina Narula. Mr. Uday Nayak, Mr.
lawaid Patha, Mr. Bahwam N. Patel, Mr.
Citive Russell, Mr. J. Sachier, Mr. Umesh
Sahai, Mr. Mohit Sarobar, Mr. M.
Sarwar, Dr. and Mrs. Prem Sharma, Mr.
Estan Somnia, Mr. Vinod Tallor, Mr.
Theodoli Sraschi, and Judish Unwin
and Mr. Ackin Vinani.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sawrey Gilpin, animal painter, Carlisle, 1733; John Adams; 2nd American President 1797-1801, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1735; Angelica Kaufimann, painter, Chur, Switzerland, 1741; Richard Brinsley Sheridan, dramatist and politician, Dublin, 1751; Marie André Chénier, poet, Constantinople, 1762; Alfred Sis-ley, Impressionist painter, Paris, 1839; Paul Valéry, poet, Séie, France, 1871; Eura Pound, poet, Hailey, Idaho, 1885; Gerhard Domagk, biochemist, Nobel lame-ate 1939, Lagow, Germany, 1895.

DEATHS: Edunnid Cartwright, inventor of the power loon, Hastings, 1823; Charles Manurin, dramatist, Dublin, 1824; Allam Cunningham, writer, London, 1842; John Chubb, safe males, 1844; Jo London, 1872: Sir John Abbott, Prime Minister of Canada 1891-92. Montreal, 1893; Jean Henri 92. Montreal, 1893; Jean Henri Dunami, founder of the Inter-national Red Cross, Heiden, Switzerland, 1910; Sir Charles Tupper, Prime Minister of Can-ada 1896, Berdeyheath, Kern, 1915; Andrew Bonar Law, Prime Minister 1922-23, London, 1923; Pfo Baroja y Nessi, novelist, Ma-drid, 1956; Jim Mollison, avisaor, 1959; Sir Barnes Wallis, engineer, 1979.

The Yeomen of the Guard was founded by Henry VII, 1485.

A Fascist government led by Mussolini was formed in Rome. 1922

#### Appointments

Mr David Pearnley to be Vice Lord-Lieutenant for West

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.D. Amstrong and Miss M.J. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs William Armstrong, of New Milton, Hampshire, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Roberts, of Kurmond, New South Wales: Australia

Mr J.D.A. Gaselee and Miss S.E.P Leschallas

The engagement is announced between Mr James Gaselee, The Life Guards, son of Mr and Mrs-Nicholas Gaselee, of Saxon Cot-tage, Lambourn, Berkshire, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Leschallas, of Maryland. Worplesdon, Surrey.

Mr M.J.C. Roberts and Dr H.J.O. Massey

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest sun of Mr and Mrs John Roberts, of Wyke, Dorset, and Henrietta, middle daughter of Dr and Mrs Paul Massey, of Barnt Green, Birmingham.

Mr R.E. Lower and Dr A.M. Johnson

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs L. Lower, of Victoria Point, Queensland, Australia, and Astrid. daughter of Mr and Mrs R.S. Johnson, of Surrey, England and Alberts, Canada

Mr A.G. Mandel Mantello and Dr C.M. Rackow

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The engagement is amnounced between Robin, eldest son of the Hon Simon and Mrs Maxwell, of Westone, Oxfordshire, and Tessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shepherd, of Stansted, Essex.

Mr.J.S. Cave

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#### Memorial services

His Honour Nacman Joka Lee Brodnick, QC

A memorial service for His Honour John Lee Brodrick, QC, was field on Wednesday in the Chapel of Lincoln's Inn. The Rev Felix V.A. Boyse officiated. Sir Michael Davies, also representing the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, read the leason and Sir Swinton: Thomas gave an address. Others present included:

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Lecture

Belish WIZO

The Chief Rabbi delivered the memorial lecture to the Federation of Women Zionists of Great Britain and Ireland (British WIZO) at WIZO House, Gloucester Place, yesterday evening.

Mrs Angela Landan and Mrs Barbara Harding, co-chairmen of the education department of the federation, also spoke.

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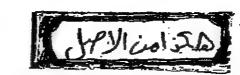
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#### **GAEL ELTON MAYO**

Gael Elton Mayo, Countesse de Chamberet, author and painter, died in Landou on October 16 aged 69. She was born in Sydney on April 9, 1923.

ANYONE who had the good fortune to meet Gael Elton Mayo, will know that she had an aura, something denied to most other people. She was a beautiful woman and her beauty was somehow connected to her intellectual as well as her physical qualities. It went beyond her famously irresistible attractiveness and managed even to survive the consequences of operation after operation for cancer of the face.

She lived, just, to see her last book, Living with Beelzebub, published by Quartet. This is a landmark in the literature of illness and provides a dark, though never dispirited, con-trast to the humour and vivacity of her previous autobiographical books, The Mad Mosaic and The End of a

Dream (also Quartet).
Gael Elton Mayo was the younger daughter of the industrial psychiatrist Professor Elton Mayo. Her elder sister is the distinguished sociologist. Patricia Elton Mayo, widow of Dunstan Curtis, one of the pioneers of the Council of Europe. The family moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, when Gael was two. Elion Mayo was soon a cult figure in America and a professor for industri-al research at Harvard. Gael had every expectation of a secure child-hood in one of the world's most agreeable towns. But the roof fell in hen the children were banished to an English boarding school. All Gael Mayo's life was spent gaining and

losing homes and she felt that a sense of dispossession, with the accompanying anxiety, affected her intimately, even physically. In Living with Beelzebub she wrote: "I was eight and terrified. Why on earth were we sent away, when they were so loving. It is a paradox that remains

Her schooling was bleak. Holidays were spent among distant relations in different places, sometimes she was separated from her sister, with her adored parents seen but once a year. But she studied for a degree at the Sorbonne. No wonder that someone so clever, beautiful and fundamentally insecure married so young. In 1939 she met her first husband, Vsevolod von Schneeuhr, a stateless Russian émigré. With the war began one of the great escape stories. The Mad Mosaic tells how she made it her mission to smuggle her husband from occupied France into Vichy France and thence via Spain to America. Progress was interrupted when she gave birth to her son Stephen in a hospital in Bordeaux during an air raid, nearly alone, because the doctors and nurses had fled. She was 17.

The marriage did not long survive arrival in New York. The Mad Mosaic has about it something of the disturbing impermanence of life depicted in the film Casablanca. She published her own first novel at 20, married Guy Vincent de Maisoneuve and bore him a daughter, Guislaine.

They did not have money and Gael carned a living as a model, actress, journalist and painter. In that golden age of photo-journalism she was associated with Robert Caps. David Seymour and Henri Cartier Bresson and Magnum. Her painting was encouraged by Moise Kisling who did a famous portrait of her. Her style was semi-nail, yet knowing and always distinctive.

By that time she had met her third husband, the Comte de Chamberet. Her account in The End of a Dream of the restoration of his chateau in a lonely part of the Jura is a brilliant account of life in France.

The daughter of this marriage, Georgia, provided the closest rela-tionship in a life lit by passion and creativity but perhaps not destined to be maternal. Gael contracted a fatal form of cancer when Georgia was

This was a child she was deter-mined to raise. She should have died quite quickly; she fought the illness for twenty years. Her marriage broke and was mended, only for Georges de Chamberet to die suddenly and prematurely. There were more ups and downs. A home in another wild part of France was bought but the illness meant it soon had to be sold. Disfiguring operations accompanied enchanting books. It is difficult for someone who is not a public figure, and not an egoist, to write three volumes of autobiography. That they are among the best of our time is testimony to the fierce fixation of Gael's story.

Beauty, charm and most artistic gifts are evanescent. But fighting to endure for a purpose is not. For all their own charm and grace, these books have a classical hold on that marriage between love and death which is the right stuff for literature. They will survive.

#### **MAJOR-GENERAL** B. D. JONES

Major-General Basil Douglas Jones, CB, CBE, Inspector of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, 1958-60, died on October 15 aged 89. He was born in Devonshire on May 14. I 903.

BY COINCIDENCE "B. D.",

as he was known, because he loathed the name Basil, was one of three senior Royal Army Ordnance Corps officers who transferred from combat arms during the mechanisation of the Army in the 1930s and whose obituaries have appeared in these columns within a month. They applied to transfer for different reasons, but all three became major-generals and important ordnance policy-makers be-fore they retired in the 1960s.

"B. D." was a Welshman, the son of the Rev B. Jones. Educated at Plymouth College and Sandhurst, he was com-missioned into the Welch Reg-iment in 1924. He served with them in Shanghai and Singapore, and in 1932 married Katherine, daughter of Colonel H. W. Man of the RAOC, who persuaded him that there were better prospects in the expanding RAOC than in the Infantry. "B. D." transferred in 1935, and was immediately sent to join the Saar Plebiscite

Force. Small in stature and slightly built, he had, nevertheless, a commanding presence and strength of personality. He-often looked stern, and he could be so when occasion demanded, but as a devout Christian he was kind, good humoured and guildess, nev-

er disparaging anyone. In 1939 he was commanding the RAOC detachment in Bermuda. He was posted home at the outbreak of war for more active employment, and to his surprise was relieved by his father-in-law, who had been recalled from retirement. He was even more surprised to be sent to Austra-

lia in 1941 to help with the expansion of the RAAOC. He was closely involved in the planning of the Papua/New Guinea campaign, and be-came one of the ordnance officers at Port Moresby, supplying the Australian troops as they forced the Japanese back along the Kokoda trail through the Owen Stanley

Perhaps his most challenging task after the war was command of the vast, sprawling Base Ordnance Depot at Tel-el-Kebir in the desert 60 miles from Cairo. Within its wired and mined 17-mile perimeter were massive quantities of stores and equipment left over from the war, making it an attractive target for marauding Egyptian gangs, who persistently tried to break in. Political relations between Britain and Egypt were so strained at the time that his officers and men, together with their families, were forced to live under primitive conditions within a defended

compound. Subsequently he held a series of challenging ordnance appointments: Senior Ord-nance Officer in GHQ Middie East; of Northern Command; of the Vehicle Organisation at Chilwell; and of the Base Depot at Didcot. His last appointment in the Army was Inspector of the RAOC as a major-general.

When he retired from the Army in 1960 he tried his hand at management consul-tancy, but decided to turn back to his favourite schooldays subjects: classics and divinity. For many years he taught both at Millbrook House Preparatory School where he became known as "Dominie". He also became a pillar of village life at Sution Courtenay, Oxford-shire, where he had lived for his last 34 years.

His dynamic wife, Katherine, died in 1986. Their son and two daughters survive

### **ROY MARSHALL**

Roy Edwin Marshall, West Lodies test cricketer, Hampshire captain and opening batsman, died of concer in a Tangeon hospice on October 27 aged 62. He was born in St Thomas, Barbados on April 25, 1930.

ROY Marshall, a bespectacled player of exceptional and unorthodox flair, was one of the last white men to play for West Indies. He was chosen for four ... Test matches before he decided to emigrate to England in 1953. He joined Hampshire as a professional and swiftly forged a reputation as a force ful opening basman, who always believed in taking the perfected one extraordinary shot, an uppish late cut with which he would clear the head of the fielder on the third man boundary. Yet he was not a powerfully-built man though a six-footer he never scaled more than 11 stone during his playing career and such a stroke owed far more to timing than it did to

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grew up in Barbados, where his father ran a sugar planta. tion. No island of comparable size has nurtured so many first dass cricketers and when he was invited to play for Barba-dos when only 15 there was every indication he would soon be numbered among. them. Unable to move his feet properly at the crease owing to nerves, he made only two runs and for a while rejoined his friends from Lodge School among the crowd. .Three years later he returned to the side and began

with innings of 149, 110 and 57 in two matches against Trinklad. After making 191 against British Guiana he was beened for West Indies tour of Although he did not play in any of the Tests, Marshall scored 1,117 runs at an average of 39.89. Against Hamp-shire at Southampton he made 135, an irrnings regarded as one of the finest seen on the ground. It was to have considerable significance. In 1951 Marshall played for Lowerhouse in the Lanca-

shire League before touring Australia and New Zealand

Indies had lost the first two Tests he played a significant part in enabling them to win the third against Australia. He put on 72 for the first wicket in the second innings with Jeffrey Stollmeyer, in spite of needing a runner, and this proved to be the best opening pertnership of the series. Nonetheless, the modest ag-gregate of 143 runs in his seven Test innings on this tour, with a top score of 30, scarcely reflected his true

He did not play Test cricket again. He fulfilled his contract erhouse and the following summer; 1953, began a two-year qualifying period with Hampshire. He was able to play against the Australian touring side, making 71 in 85 minutes on "a brute of a pitch" (Wisden's words) at South-ampton. It was the start of a notable career with his county, which he was later to captain from 1966 to 1970. in his first full season, 1955, he made · 2.115 runs, almost invariably

that winter. He showed that it scoring from the very first ball was possible to take on Rsy Lindwall, the great Australian fast bowler, and after West were square of the wicket, be they to off or leg side. He brought adventure to Hampshire's cricket, making, in all his first class matches, 35,725 runs in 1,053 innings at an average of 35.94.

Roy Marshall retired in 1971, when he had just turned 40 and played some minor counties cricket before moving to the West Country. He bought a pub in Taunton and became chairman of Somerset's cricket committee in 1987. However he contracted skin cancer which cost him his right eye, and he had to

stand down last year. He never lost his se tal regard for the Caribbean: Shortly before his death he attributed his zest for attacking strokeplay to his upbringing in sunshine which hardened the pitches. On the occasions when he returned to Barbados he was saddened to see West Indians having to pay for some of the sports facilities he had once enjoyed free. He is survived by his wife,

Shirley, and three daughters.



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#### John Benn

JOHN Meriton Benn, CB, the first ombudsman for Northern Ireland, has died aged 84. He was appointed the first Northern Ireland commissioner for complaints in 1969 and, on the retirement of Sir Edmund Compton in 1972, became Northern Ireland parliamentary commissioner for administration. He was the first man to hold both offices and was therefore the first Northern Ireland ombuds-

Benn, who was born in Burnley, did well at Christ's College, Cambridge (scholar

honours French and German). After teaching at Exeter School he spent a year lectur-ing at Halle University in Germany before the second world war. In 1935 he moved to Northern Ireland as an inspector of schools and then joined the Ministry of Education, where, in 1964, he became permanent secretary.

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On retirement in 1973 he was appointed to be a senator at the Oueen's University of Belfast where in 1979 he became pro-chancellor and then senior pro-chancellor, an office he held until almost his 80th year.

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#### **SHERIDAN**

Two hundred years ago today, Richard Brinsley Sheridan was born, and at noon Sir Laurence Olivier is to lay a wreath on his grave in Westminster Abbey. That an eminent actor should be the one to pay this bicentenary tribute is perhaps significant.

Sheridan was more than a dramatist. Indeed he was that — so far as original work was concerned — only for a few years from January, 1775. When The Rivels was first acted, to October, 1779, when The Critic was produced. His later writing for the stage consisted only of a few prologues, epilogues, and songs.

In 1780, Sheridan was elected to Parliament and from then on until his death in 1816 his career was in the main that of an orator and politician. He was a statesman for more than 30 years and a man of letters for perhaps eight. He himself, it is said, valued his second career more highly than his first
— and certainly it contained dramatic

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Sheridan became Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs and later Chief Secre-tary to the Treasury. He expressed the

wish to be buried in St. Paul's alongside Charles James Fox. but was placed nearer to Garrick, a judgment which posterity seemed to approve. incidents, notably his speeches against

Warren Hastings. Yet the politician, increasingly drunken, increasingly un-faithful to his wife, increasingly disappointed and disillusioned, will be almost deliberately forgotten, haunting the celebration only as a ghost from the cartoons of Gillray. It is young Mr Sheridan, romantically wounded in a duel in defence of the honour of Miss Linley, and author of The School for

Scandal, whose memory is celebrated today.
... The characters in The School for

Scandal are real people and its story is one that contrives to be at once witty and moving. It is a very curiously constructed play, for the main theme — which is, in essence, how even the best manners are in grave danger of corruption when they listen to evil communications - is worked out in two characters, a young man and a young woman, Charles Surface and Lady Teazle, who are in no emotional relation the one to the other.

With all his successes, and above all with one such play as The School for Scandal, to his credit, why did Sheridan at the age of 29, stop writing? Was he merely engulied by affairs and swept away by the stream of politics? Or was he himself conscious of a deterioration of character or of powers? Did Michael Kelly really speak the truth when he told Sheridan, You will never write again. You are afraid to write . . . You are afraid of the author of The School for Scandal.

## MOTORING

# Classic case of lost profits

**Kevin Eason** 

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or thousands of motorists bored to the back teeth with modern saloons that slip into the car park with the anonymity of a tin of baked beans on a Sainsbury's shelf. there was always the dream of buying an old car and watching it rise in value.
These motorists were not the

slick operators who dealt in nary working people who invested a slice of their savings in a classic car, such as an MG or an old Triumph, believing it would gain value for years to come. Then the recession sent prices spiralling down.

With the government now doing more U-turns than a London taxi, car investors are, like home owners, in a quan-dary over whether to hang onto their depreciating assets or to cut their losses and get out now. The wrong decision could cost them a few hundred pounds and signal the end of their dream of owning any-thing beyond a Ford Escort.

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For a few owners of the most exotic models, it will mean huge losses, even bankruptcy. An MG, one of Britain's most popular classics, bought at the the boom's peak in the late 1980s, has probably lost a quarter of that inflated price.

The bad news is that prices will probably slip further for at least another year. However, Auto Forecasting a small Shropshire-based company. says prices will bounce back in 1995. Auto Forecasting is attempting the risky business of predicting classic car prices. That might seem like tempting fate at a time when even Treasury forecasters seem to

the British economy is going. Dr Raymond Tinsley and Nigel O'Leary, who spent 18 months compiling research on 150 cars, say that it is possible to combine key factors that affect the price of cars and come up with a formula that gives a pretty accurate guide.

They claim to be within 25 per cent of actual prices in 90 per cent of cases by considering top speed, price when new, number of seats, age of design, body type, method of construction and petrol consumption.

A high-performance Jaguar will always be more desirable than a trundling Morris Mi-

nor and a hand-built Rollschieless about where Royce attracts more collectors

than a Vauxhall Viva. Price when new is more important. Economic variables will always buffet any predictions because, as the 1980s showed, strong growth coupled with higher lending fuels prices, while the recession has knocked the bottom out of

the classic-car market. Auto Forecasting has got over that by providing three scenarios. The best case as-sumes the recession will bottom out this year and economic growth may rise to 2 per cent next year followed by 3 or 4 per cent in 1994.

case sees the recession bottoming out next year with 1 to 2 per cent economic growth in 1994 and a small rise in fuel prices, forcing a 10 per cent cut in overall prices into 1993. followed by a slight recovery.

The huge uncertainty over the state of the economy led Auto Forecasting to put to-gether a benchmark price, which strips out variables and assumes constant 2 per cent growth and a fuel price of £2.42 a gallon.
In 1990, the E-Type road-

ster was almost twice its Auto Forecasting benchmark price but it has fallen back. The lesson is that wide price diver-gences are probably false and temporary and the constant year-by-year state of classic-car prices are the best guide.

Dr Tinsley says: "The fore-casts are useful mainly as a reassurance to car owners. If you own a valuable possession. you do not want to find it is losing value. You may be restoring an old car and suddenly find that the cost is more than the potential value.

"Panic may set in and you may be tempted to sell or even scrap. Some writers have sug-gested that old cars have reached their lowest point, but our tables suggest this is not necessarily so. Prices may fall further, but even in the worst case scenario, this will be followed by a rise in 1995."



Trouble-free motorist: Bill Dales with the Samara, his latest Lada purchase

### No joke: Bill's had 20 Ladas

BILL DALES has heard all the jokes but is undamnted. Despite what the comics say about Ladas, Mr Dales has bought 20 and swears by the reliability of them all. Investing year after year in a Lada may seem to some like motoring lunacy but Mr Dales discovered when he bought his first Riva in 1978 that they could be tough workhorses.

He says: "I cover 12,000 miles a year and enjoy my motoring, but I need a car to be reliable, which the Ladas have certainly been throughout the years I have had them."

Now retired Mr Dales, who lives in Driffield, Humberside, has moved up from the Riva model to a top-of-the-range 1.5GL Samara saloon and still has the last laugh with friends who have heard corny jokes such as: Why does a Lada have heated rear windscreens? To keep your hands warm when you push it.

"People think they're a laugh," he says: "But Ladas have proved their benefit to me for years while others have spent a fortune on their cars."

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#### Dealers do

#### a runner

DEALERS in the United States are scrambling for 23.000 cars and lorries that were damaged outside Nissan's Tennessee plant by acid rain. One ordered 85 at discounts of up to \$1,200 (about £700) each — totalling as much as his entire month's sale.

Orders were taken by telephone in contrast to last year, when hall damaged 4,700 cars. Then dealers had to run through a stock yard ripping stickers off windscreens to claim their cars. A dealer told

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#### cars, but his used-car manager

could not run fast enough.

Ford alarm

FORD is recalling 260,000 Escort cars for checks on steering col-umns that may have been installed incorrectly. Owners of Ford's bestselling model manufactured between September, 1990, and August, 1992, should go to dealers for a free 30-minute check. Dealers say steering columns may have been misaligned when replaced after repairs. The recall applies only to models that have non-

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#### Toledo steel

SEAT, the Spanish subsidiary of the Volkswagen Group, has added twin side impact burs to the latest Toledo range after tests showed that 28 per cent of collisions come from side crashes. The company says the new door bars should absorb 40 per cent of any side impact but also help strengthen the steel cage which protects driver and passengers.

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#### Traders. The judges were looking for quality of finish, symmetry, safety and comfort and decided that Suzuki's clever little Cappuccino mini-sports car should be overall winner. However, Rover

150mph 200 coupé.

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Croquet OK WHILE millions of pounds are poured into motor racing, golf and

dominated with models ranging

from the Mini to its blistering new

other sports with giftz, glamour and big crowds, Jaguar has chosen a gentler pursuit ... croquet. The company's American arm is to sponsor the United States Croquet Association because the image of the game is in keeping with that of

#### Sobering

THE price of drink-driving could be the csr, according to police. Sussex Police has announced it will be first to take advantage of the new Road Traffic Act which allows it to apply to the courts for confiscation of the cars of pensistent drink-drive offenders. The car of drink-drive accidents or other police activities, such as road safety measures. Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act entitles the police to "seek forfeiture of vehicles belonging to pertistent drink drivers".

The move comes in the wake of a toughened system of fines that will force better-off drivers to pay more for traffic offences.

However, the impounding of a car in addition to fines or a jail sentence will be seen as draconian by motorists. The Automobile Association says: This whole system must be seen to be fair otherwis there will be problems. Strict

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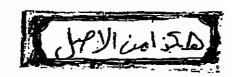
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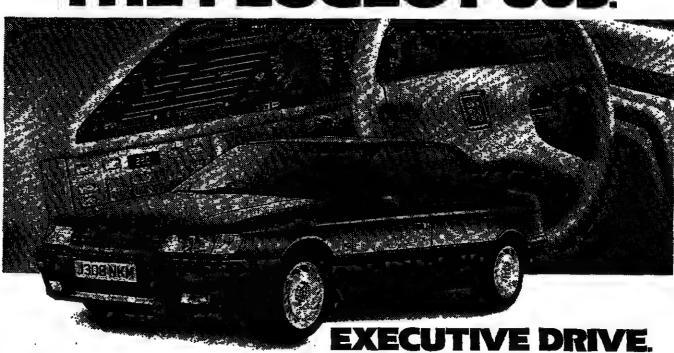
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#### Major defies Euro-rebels

■ John Major prepared for a showdown with his Euro-rebels last night, telling Conservative MPs that he was not prepared to "rat" on Maastricht and urging them to end their squabbling over Europe. The prime minister's plea came after he had resolved to demand support for the treaty in the Commons next week, rather than avoid confrontation with an innocuous technical motion ..... Page 1, 17

#### Lamont goes for economic growth

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, confirmed in his Mansion House speech last night the U-turn in government economic policy. He said the government's economic goal had "never been simply to defeat inflation". Now there was a chance to "give greater weight to an early resumption of

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Royal Institution of Chartered

Surveyors' annual environmen-

tal awards competition ... Page 9

German police have broken up a

ring suspected of trying to smug-

gle large amounts of uranium

and 30 tanks, believed from for-

mer Soviet republics, into the

Yugoslav war zone...... Page i l

As new polls showed only a slight

closing of the gap in the presi-

dential race, Bill Clinton bitterly

attacked his opponent's "shame-

less" campaign and President

Bush grabbed every opportunity

to talk up his chances of pulling

off an upset victory next

talking with Chinese officials on

expanding democracy in the col-

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#### Family divorce

A 14-year-old Surrey girl has obtained a court order allowing her effectively to "divorce" her parents and move out of the family home. It is thought to be the first case of its kind in

#### Jaguar pay deal

Four thousand staff at Jaguar accepted a 4 per cent wage rise to maintain their place as the best paid car workers despite company losses of more than £176 million this year. Assembly line workers will get an average of 

#### Church crossroads

The debate on women priests at next month's General Synod will hinge on the power of speakers on the day, says the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Ven David Silk, leading opposition to women's ordination. He will argue that the church needs a broader consensus before it abandons 2,000 years of tradition and is in danger of splitting ...... Page 6

#### Drugs behind bars Drug seizures in jails represent

only the tip of an iceberg of drug abuse by prisoners that the Home Office is unwilling to acknowledge, the chief inspector of prisons said. In almost all closed stablishments, pressure was put on prisoners to satuggle in drugs during visits...

#### Heart threat

Young women who take tranquillisers or anti-depressants

#### Picking holes in the Mr Ozone laver

The environmental-friendly image of Bill Clinton's running mate, Al Gore, is under fire. President Bush is deciding him as "Mr Ozone". The Washington Times has uncovered a maiodorous dump on the Gore farm in Tennessee, "filled with pesticide containers, aerosol cans, old tyres, used filters filled with waste oil, and unrecycled cans and bottles"..... Page 12



Seeing's not believing a take of van Gogh's Cafe de Nuit, on display at an exhibition of forgeries which opened in Rome yesterday

Pit stop: Privatisation of British Coal is to be postponed while the government's review of the energy market goes ahead, and suspicions are mounting in the City that it will be shelved altogether ...... Page 24

ICI alide: The City is questioning ICI's ability to hold its final dividend after its worst quarterly sales and profits since 1986. Shares tumbled 14p to £10.36 .... Page 23 Hovis surprise: Tomkins, the Greg

Hutchings conglomerate, wrongfooted its rival, Hanson, by making a £925 million agreed cash offer for Ranks Hovis McDougall, makers of Hovis bread, Mr Kipling cakes and Bisto gravy...... Pages 23, 27 Markuta: The pound was steady as foreign exchange markets awaited the Chancellor's Mansion House speech. In London, it closed at DM2.4191, down 1.71 pfennigs. and at \$1.5755, down 0.15c. After a bright start, shares were hit by ICI gloom and the FT-SE 100

index ended down 8.1 at 2,642.3.

#### Chris Patten, governor of Hong Kong, said he was ready to go on

.. Page 12

ony. What the people of the territory wanted was rational Tennis: Line judges in grand-slam discussion, and not threats or tennis tournaments could soon be ... Page 13 replaced by a machine. An electronic system, first tried at the US Open, is to be installed on the three show courts for the Australian Open next January...... Page 44

> Yachting: A storm is brewing over the 1996 Olympic yachting regatta venue after reports that the seas off Savannah, Georgia, are virtually windless and that it takes six hours to get to the course \_\_\_\_. Page 42

Classic mistakes: Thousands of motorists laid out money for classic cars thinking that they would be a good investment - but then came the recession and prices went into freefall. Kevin Eason countines the dilemma of the collectors who now find themselves caught in a nasty kind of crash ... ... Page 20

Pune for laughter: Rob Newman and David Baddiel, stars of the side-splitting The Mary Whitehouse Experience, have been described as the Monty Python of the Nineties. Caitlin Moran talks to two young comics with a rock star

Prize entries: The £20,000 Turner Prize is the richest art prize in Britain. Richard Cork assesses the four shordisted artists for this year, whose efforts are on show at the Tate from next Wednesday. Winner known November 24 Page 37

thus David Levenux is directing Harold Pinter in Pinter's No Man's Land at the Almeida. What is it like to direct a playwright in his own work?.... \_Page 39

Denoe: John Percival meets Jonathan Burrows, former Royal Ballet soloist, whose own choreography is increasingly distant from conventional ballet and danceworks. Ballet Teatro Español (flamenco) at ... Page 14 | Sadler's Wells...... ... Page 39

Golden oldies: Vintage episodes of Britain's best comedies, soaps and dramas will be available to owners of Astra satellite dishes owners and to cable subscribers from this Sunday, with the launch of UK Gold. Melinda Wittstock asks if there is really room in this day and age for a channel which is offering nothing:

but repeats.....

Empire of the chadows: Tomorrow representatives of Japan's untouchables will take to the streets in protest against what they see as their continuing oppression at the bottom of a conservative society. Joanna Pitman examines a nation's three million guilty

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#### Tonight's choice

A recording of the Earl's Court celebration of HM's 40 years on the throne occupies the early evening (BBC 1). Stills from it will surely turn up on Have I Got News For You (BBC 2). Not as furny as it used to be? Allegedly .. Listings, 43

#### Lines of fault

Norman Lamont will probably not continue as Chancellor much longer. The other people involved in the crucial decisions must also be made to accept responsibility ... Page 17

#### **Out of Denmark**

John Major has chosen his weapon for next week's duel. I lis decision to take his backbench rebeis head on with a "substantive" motion on Maastricht has the merit of appearing more courageous than resort to a procedural motion, while winning him Liberal support to offset the larger number of Tory

#### A FAILED CAMPAIGN

Edward Gorman and George Brock Twenty-three years after it revived its campaign of violence, the IRA resembles a long-distance swimmer attempting to cross an ocean of indifference. Its staying power cannot be denied, but it is no nearer its goed of breaking Britain's connection with Ireland ... Page 16

#### LIES DAMNED LIES

Shnon Jenkins. This week not one but two sets of crime figures emerged from the Home Office. It is therefore time to put the cracked record back on the numbable. I repeat, these figures are rubbish. They mean nothing. They are devoid of sense. They should not be collected .....

Readers discuss the review of energy policy, plans to reorganise London's hospitals, legal aid and language reaching ...... Page 17

(Dr Garretta, jailed former head of the French blood transfusion service) did no more than apply the precepts being followed by the government apparatus. Politicians and particularly the governing have beown public acts. Their attitude does not define the Socialist government but it has become so identified with its ways that it has come to caricature the reign which is coming to an end - Liberation

Sarandon marched in a torchlight parade of New York women to a pro-Clinton rally, chanting pro-choice and anti-Bush slogans Page 12

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Dublin counselling service was awarded £195,000 by European judges who over ruled an Irish ban on abortion information Page 9

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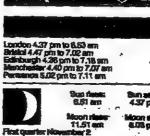
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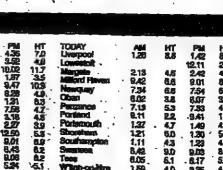


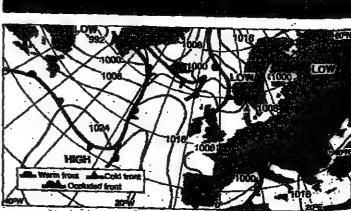
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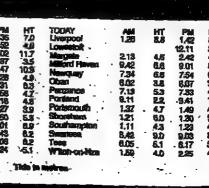
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## Tomkins makes surprise £925m offer for RHM

TOMKINS, the industrial romkins, the industrial conglomerate run by Greg Hutchings, surprised the market and wrongfooted its larger rival, Hanson, by making a £925 million agreed cash offer for Ranks Hovis McDougall, makers of Hovis bread, Mr Kipling cakes and Bisto gravy.

Mr Hutchings, who has been stalking RHM for a year, approached Stanley Metralfe.

approached Stanley Metcalfe, the food group's chairman, in August and was encouraged to come back with more detailed plans last month. Negotiations were interrupted, however, by Hanson's £780 million hostile bid.

Tomkins is offering RHM shareholders three options; 2.29 new Tomkins shares and 520p in cash for every four shares in RHM; 260p cash for each RHM share or an allshare offer of 0.5725 shares in Tomkins for every 130p of the cash alternative. At the same time, Tomkins,

with businesses spanning Smith & Wesson handguns, Smith & Wesson handguns, lawinnowers, bicycles and fluid control systems, amounced a one for two rights issue at 200p a share to raise £653 million, payable in two instalments. The rights issue is underwritten by Barchys de 200e Werld and free smoon Zoete Wedd and the group will raise £384 million, what-

ever the outcome of the offer. RHM's shareholders will also collect a second interim dividend of 9.54p - an enti-tlement not included under

Protégé who goes for his mentor By MARIEN WALLER

GREG Hutchings is the classic brash 1980s entrepreneur.

What sets him aside from the rest of the breed is his failure to come messily to grief in the cash-straitened 1990s. Survival is down to his shrewd selection of deals and tight control over money.

Tomkins has made some big moves, but not many. in his shrewdness he is similar to his mentor, Lord Hanson, although Tomkins has largely eschewed the hosfile takeover. Mr Hutchings

first big break, in the late 1970s, was at Hanson, the business he is now fighting Legend has it that he brushed talcum powder into his hair ahead of the job interview with Hanson to appear older. Tomkins is a mainly engineering based group making

valves, bicycles and guns. It does own one household name — Smith & Wesson. Little known outside the City, he was thrown into the headlines this summer amid the fuss over executives' salaries when his pay rose more than 50 per cent to just short of £1 million. His response was typical: he said his perfor-

mance was sufficiently out-

goods such as lawnmowers,

standing to warrant it. Tempus, page 26

for RHM was topped by Tomkins, led by the Hanson-trained **Greg Hutchings** 

Hanson's 220p a share offer
— which in effect gives those

opting for the all-cash offer almost 270p a share.

The market, however, cut the value of the cash and shares offer from 267.5p to 251p, for Tomkins's shares had dropped by 49p to 212p by the end of the day. RHM shares closed at 273p after 38 million shares changed hands. BZW was believed to have bought about 1.5 per cent of RHM yesterday on behalf of Tomkins, which until then had only 14,000 RHM shares.

Lord Hauson, chairman of the Anglo-American conglomerate, said he was considering his company's position. He was "very surprised that the board of RHM has not been prepared to have discussions with Hanson with a view to establishing, in the interests of RHM shareholders, whether we might be prepared to offer sagreater value". A The chairman also said he

was "astonished" that RHM's board could have announced a "costly three-way demerger" Metcalfe described as "the right path for us to take". Lord Hanson said this inconsis-

and advised RHM shareholders to take no action for the time being.
RHM's advisers, Morgan

Grenfell, said yesterday the purpose of the demerger proposal had been to draw attention to RHM's real value, and to encourage shareholders to pause before selling to Han-

son "on the cheap".

Analysts said Tomkins needed to convince the market that a bid for a food group was a logical move for what is traditionally viewed as an engineering company. Mr Hutchings countered that the type of product was not relevant. RHM was a manufacturing company that needed strategic management, remotivation and rationalisation.

Mr Hutchings said he would never buy a compar for tax reasons, but RHM's UK profit stream would help to lighten Tomkins's ad-vanced corporation tax burden. If the takeover is successful, Tornkins's turnover would be more evenly distributed between America and

Mr Hutchings said his track record was for management rather than quick profit through disposals, but he did not rule out sales ofteRHM assets.

Tomkins forecasts a 12 per cent dividend increase to 6.35p for the year to May 1, 1993, while RHM forecast sharp decline in profits from £150.2 million to £92 million for the year to September 5.



Brash survivor: Greg Hutchings, chief executive of Tomkins

By JONATHAN PRINN

GERALD Ronson is to lose control of

Heron International, the property to

petrol stations groups he built up over

25 years, under the terms of a rescue

debt restructuring package presented to bankers and bondholders yesterday. If the proposal is accepted, Mr Ronson, his family and charitable

formdations — the sole shareholders —

will see their holdings massively dilut-ed by a £400 million conversion of debt

into equity. Under the terms of the

restructuring, creditors will own 95 per

cent of Heron International, the hold-

ing company, leaving existing share-holders with 5 per cent. A



### Bank admits it has lessons to learn from BCCI affair

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, an early stage. "We do have Governor of the Bank of lessons to learn and learn England, last night defended them we will; there is a major the Bank's role in the closure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International but admitted it had "lessons to

learn" from the affair. In his speech at the Mansion House dinner, Mr Leigh-Pemberton rejected the suggestion the Bank was timid in using its regulatory powers and claimed it had been right to try to reorganise BCCI in 1990 rather than close it down.

His comments were the Bank's first formal reply to the criticisms in the Bingham report, published last week. The report condemned the Bank's handling of BCCI as "a tragedy of errors, misunderstandings and failures of communication". "In general our supervisors

have been very successful in maintaining financial stability and in addressing problems when depositors interests are threatened," he said. The Bank had carried out 35 successful remedial actions at banks in the past six years and thought a similar operation would work at BCCI, he added.

However, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said the Bank had taken direct action to strengthen its regulatory team and improve the training of its supervisors to detect fraud at

Heron control flies out of Ronson's hands

performance-related package allows management to take a 15 per cent stake if the outstanding debt is repaid

in full on time. Heron owes more than

£1.45 billion and had a negative net

worth of £225 million at end-March,

due to the slump in property values. The banks could have placed Heron in receivership but backed Mr Ronson to

reach the best prices for the parts of his

Mr Ronson will step down as

chairman and three new non-executive

directors, including a non-executive

chairman, will be appointed. Mr

Ronson will remain as chief executive,

and the rest of the executive directors

will keep their jobs.

strengthening of our team and our structures. We will more alert to signs of possible

criminality." he said. Sir Brian Jenkins, the Lord Mayor of London, last night announced that The Corporation of London and the Bank of England had joined forces to fund a new body to help clear up areas of legal uncertainty that are damaging fi-nancial markets in the City.

Sir Brian said the Corporation and the Bank had agreed to become co-sponsors for the Financial Law Panel and fund its operations for the next three years. Lloyd's has also pledged its support and fur-ther funding is expected to come from banks and securities houses. The panel will be led by Lord Donaldson, former Master of the Rolls.

"Financial markets need a firm legal basis and someone resolution ... We believe this constructive response will do much to enhance the City's traditional ability to match development with reliability. This step, unique internationally, is clear evidence of the City's determination to lead,"

The formation of the Financial Law Panel was the main

Banking sources said last night that

Heron's finances have continued to

deteriorate in the last two months due

to the continuing fall in property prices

and the fall in sterling. Heron may

now have a negative value of more than \$400 million. The group will be

drastically slimmed down to help pay

off some debt. It is proposed that Heroo Suzuki, a motor dealer, and the

petrol stations operations will be sold to a group of investors led by Mr Ronson.

That will leave the Heron Motor

Group. Heron Distribution and Her-

on Homes still owned by Heron Inter-

national. The banks expect Heron to raise at least £600 million from asset

sales by 1997 to give the company the

recommendation of the Legal Risk Review Committee, set up in April last year to exam-ine legal problems hampering the smooth operation and development of financial mar-

kets in the City. The Panel will have a chairman and deputy chairman appointed by the Bank governor and up to ten other members, as well as a full-time secretariat. The committee proposed that the panel should also raise subscriptions from City firms to finance its running costs.

The formation of the panel marks the end of the work by the Legal Risk Review Committee, chaired by Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of National Westminster. The committee's final report also recommends legislation to change the ultra vires surrounding council powers to allow banks to deal with them more freely.

Peter Middleton, the new chief executive of Lloyd's, made a plea to the government and the European Community to avoid passing retrospective legislation on the environment. "Make the standards as tough as society demands, but make them applicable to the present so the everyone may know exactly where they are," he said.

chance of a further refinancing. If the

group does not achieve the sale prices it

night that they were forced to offer the businesses to Mr Ronson after Suzuki

threatened to withdraw its franchise

due to Heron's debt problems. Mr Ronson is talking to institutional investors and the disposal is expected

The restructuring package is to be

put to creditor banks and, once

approved, will be distributed to bond-

holders "early in the new year".

Senior banking sources revealed last

hopes, insolvency could follow.

to raise up to £55 million.

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### **ICI** sales fall and profits are halved

By COLIN CAMPBELL

THE City is questioning ICI's ability to hold its final dividend after the group reported its worst quarterly sales and profits since 1986.

Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, said pre-tax profits in the three months ended September fell from £196 million to £93 million on sales that were nearly 10 per cent lower at £2.77 billion. The company's 1992 year ends on December 31. Shares yester-

day fell 14p to £10.36. Demand was particularly poor and prices came under pressure in the third quarter. Sir Denys compounded market disappointment with the results, saying: There is little expectation of improvement in trading conditions in the near term." He blamed the worldwide recession and the effect of an overvalued pound for the group's setback, though he lieves sterling's devaluation should help in overseas

"Our priorities remain to contain costs and to maintain a strong balance sheet as restructuring activities contin-ue apace," Sir Denys said.

In July, ICI announced it was considering the feasibility of splitting the group into two separate parts — bioscience and the rest. The back of the donkey work on demerger had been broken, ICI said yesterday, although a final decision on a demerger would be taken in February.

The poor September quarterly results leaves ICI with total sales at £8.91 billion for the first nine months of 1992, compared with £9.44 million in the comparable 1991 period, and with pre-tax profits of E513 million (E703 million). The 1992 interim dividend

was held at 21p a share. though analysts are now increasingly questioning the prospects for a maintained 1992 final payment.

Tempus, page 26

## Spanking along on the oggin.

For those of us whose knowledge of seafaring argot is less than extensive, our headline roughly translates as 'tearing through the waves'.

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William Clark The Clipper, John R. Worcester', oil on canvas Sold recently at Sotheby's for £20,350.

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Large oil reserves in

BP's Colombia fields

BRITISH Petroleum said its latest drilling results indicated reserves of 1.5 billion barrels of crude oil and condensate at its Cusiana oilfield, in Colombia, as well as large volumes of

its Cusiana oilfield, in Colombia, as well as large volumes of gas. The estimate was based on data obtained from three completed wells and six exploratory ones that had reached or were near their expected depth. The company said a complete evaluation would be possible only when the drilling of evaluation wells had been completed, the wells tested at the beginning of 1993 and the field's limits established.

BP announced the discovery of a second field, called Copiagua, eight miles north of Cusiana. Its reserves about a third of those in Cusiana. Both Cusiana and Curistona was a located in a periodical someone that could

Cupiagna were located in a geological sequence that could extend towards the area of the Piedemonte association

contract, to the north, where BP is the sole partner of

DAVENPORT Knitwear, a knitted fabrics and clothing

manufacturer based at Hinckley, Leicestershire, increased pre-tax profits to £374,000 (£214,000) in the six months to June 30. Despite recovering from a trading loss of £35,000 to a profit of £134,000, the company gave warning that the trading result for the year could not be accurately predicted. Turnover-increased to £3.5 million (£3.3 million). Earnings per share were 14.46p (8.18p) and there is, as usual, no interim dividend. The shares were unchanged at 365p.

Davenport advances

Wilton in the red

Ecopetrol, the state oil company.

## Ministers postpone privatisation plan for British Coal

THE privatisation of British Coal is to be postponed, as City suspicions mount that it will be totally shelved.

Ministers have decided against introducing a privatisation Bill in the current session of Parliament before the government's review of the energy market completes its work in the new year.

Tim Eggar, energy minister, is also understood to believe the new five-year coal contracts between British Coal and National Power and PowerGen should be signed before privatisation can go ahead.

British Coal and the generators, which have been going on since the beginning of the year, have made no progress since the government's u-turn

A report published yesterday by Robert Fleming, the merchant bank, said the coal privatisation is likely to be

GENERAL Motors promised

The company's US market

share continued to shrink,

British Coal may never be privatised if prices are cut to make coal competitive

sult of the forthcoming review of energy policy by the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry".

Simon Taylor, author of the report, said the government will be forced to cut the price of coal on offer to the generators in order to make it more astractive to them. As a result, he said: "British Coal will be turned into a loss-making operation, and any chance of coal privatisation in the near future will be destroyed."

Mr Taylor believes such a move would cost the government £100 million a year gross, though the net cost would be less after savings on redundancies and other costs. Under the terms of the coal contracts under negotiation.

GM heading for its third year of loss FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

poised to take over as chair-

an aggressive plan to cut costs billion in July, August and September and has raised \$4 virtually certain that GM will billion so far this year. finish December with its third Robert Stempel, chairman consecutive year of losses. and chief executive until Mon-It remained \$752.9 million day, resigned under pressure from independent members of in the red during the third quarter, lower than the com-pany had predicted, but highthe board. John Smith, president, is tipped to be the next er than Wall Street expected. chief executive; John Smale, independent director, is

from 34.5 per cent to 33.3 per Third-quarter figures, al-though down from last year's cent, and North American factory sales dropped 9 per cent in the third quarter. \$1 billion loss, would have affected by a nine-day strike. been even worse but for a Analysts say GM could be million profit from forced to take a further charge GM's electronics, finance and for job cuts and factory clocomputer businesses. Turnover was barely changed at \$25.9 billion. sures before the end of the year, and may need to raise

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lion tonnes in the year from April 1993, falling to 30 million for the next four years. Ashley Thomas, co-author of the report, said the government is likely to impose a compromise whereby the generators take 40 million tonnes for each of the five years.

Ministers are determined to present the review as open-minded which is why Charles Henderson replaced Robert Priddle as deputy secretary in charge of energy matters. Ministers felt it would present a better image if the energy review reports to a new head. Ministers are believed to

have taken on hoard the mes-sage from parliamentary col-leagues and opponents that coal should be given a fair chance. One source said the review's aim is "to consider what was perhaps inconceivable" just months ago. But they do not believe the review's objective is to raise the volume of coal burnt from the 40 million tonnes under negotiation to 60 million tonnes.

Pressure is also building for changes to the 1908 Coal Mines Regulation Act which, British Coal argues, adds unnecessary costs to the running of its business. Ministers support the coal Act which the Coal Act which the Coal Act with the Coal Act which the Coal Act with the Coal Act port a repeal of the Coal Act, believing it is unfair to impose additional costs on British Coal through legislation.
The 1908 act limits shifts

underground to 7's hours for miners and 84 hours for deputies. If it was repealed, miners could work longer, but fewer, shifts. During evidence to the Commons trade and industry select committee on Wednesday, directors of British Coal said the act prevented itrunning its business as it wished. Kevan correctHunt. British Coal's employee relations director, told the committee if those constraints were removed, it would be able to achieve productivity improvements of "better than 10 per cent." The government took powers to repeal the 1908 act in the Coal industry Act this year, but has yet to use them.

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Committee support: the ALM names' association is backing David James

### Backing for James at Lloyd's

BY JON ASHIVORTH

Single

market

warning

By Wolfgang Milnehau

EUROPPÁN BUSINESS

SUBSIDIARTTY should not

could give rise to protection-

Mr Sutherland, who has

headed a high-level committee

which this week published a report on the implementation

of the single market, said in

London yesterday that the present debate on subsidiarity

may lead to faise expectations

among the public. He emphasised that the definition

of subsidiarity, as laid out it in the Maastricht Treaty, does

not apply to existing struc-tures, such as EC competition

policy or the single market.
"If you are in favour of the internal market, you will ultimately have to accept that

there is a policeman. Absolute

national sovereignty is not

compatible with a single mar-

ket," he said. He added that a

single market constituted the antithesis of protectionism.

and that much of the clamour

in favour of subsidiarity is

nothing more than thinly-

The report says that much

work still needs to be done to

make the single market a

success, especially enforcement of community law. Al-

though most of the single market legislation has already

been passed into law, Mr Sutherland's committee urged

the community to help with

the detailed implementation

of the single market.

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ism and chaos.

DAVID James, the company doctor who tried without success to turn round Dan-Air. external seat on the council, has won powerful backing in describing him as "an experihis quest for a seat on the enced businessman with a council of Lloyd's of London. distinguished record in running large organisations".

The committee of the Asso-His timing is unfortunate. Last week, British Airways ciation of Lloyd's Members (ALM), the largest and most powerful body representing names at Lloyd's, is urging its agreed to take over Dan-Air for a nominal £1. Mr James, chairman of Davies & Newmembers to vote for Mr James in next month's elections. Neil man Holdings, the parent company, described the deal Shaw, ALM chairman and chairman of Tate & Lyle, has as the only alternative to written to nearly 8,500 receivership. Mr James is also

names, encouraging them to chairman of LEP Group, the support Mr James for the troubled freight and security troubled freight and security group, which yesterday re-vealed a pre-tax loss of £14.1 million (£1.9 million profit) for the six months to end-June. LEP made a loss of £235

million last year. Val Powell, ALM chief executive, said recent events in no way reflected on Mr James' ability. "Obviously we are aware that he is in a dangerous field of finance. As a company doctor, he is going to have successes and failures."

#### Clinton threat to **BA** deal

BILL Clirton, the favourite to "I've got real problems with

it," the Arkansas governor, said of BA's plan to invest \$750 million and take a 44

Mr Clinton replied: "No".
The third presidential canto the US airline industry".

lobbied the Bush administra-tion to reject the deal unless they obtain greater access to

Comment, page 27 inauguration in January.

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

win Tuesday's presidential election, would not approve British Airways' proposed alli-ance with USAir.

per cent stake in the alling airline. "We get no access to the British markets if we do it. It's just an admission that we allowed the American (airline) companies to get in terrible financial trouble." Asked if he would "sign off" on the deal,

didate, Ross Perot, has also denounced the deal, which has become something of a campaign issue. He said it would be "terribly destructive The alliance would enable BA to create a worldwide network by giving it substantial access to the lucrative North American market. But the big three American airlines, Uni-

ted, Delta and American, have

British airports, and Andrew Card, the transportation secretary, has at least partially succumbed to that pressure. American and British officials are due to conclude talks in Washington this week on ways of relaxing restrictions on American airlines operating in Britain. An agreement would make it much easier for the administration to approve the BA deal, but there is hardly any chance of one being reached before Tuesday and possibly not before the presidential

### Expansion Scheme company. Etonbrook firmed 3p to 73p.

SCOTIA Holdings, a pharmaceutical company engaged in the research, development and marketing of prescription drugs, is considering a stock market listing to help fund its R&D programme. Sir James Mackinnon, director-general of the Office of Case Simply has become a programme. the Office of Gas Supply, has become a non-executive director, with William Glynn-Williams, Glaxo's deputy managing director. Scotia made pre-tax profits of £1.1 million for the year to end-June after accounting for income

#### be applied to Europe's internal market, says Peter Sutherland, a former vice-president of the EC Commission, who gave warning yesterday that an erosion of the single market

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## Personnel chiefs pay themselves most

By PHILLIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PERSONNEL managers are receiving pay rises averaging twice the inflation rate, considerably above those they are awarding to the employees with whom they negotiate, according to a salary survey. A fifth of the personnel managers surveyed have imposed wage freezes on

The study, carried out by the Reward pay specialists' group, finds that person-nel managers have received rises of 6.8 per cent over the past year. Pay specialists such as Industrial Relations Services estimate the current level of pay rises for all employees at about 4.6 per cent.

The Reward survey also shows that company personnel directors received even higher rises, of 7.5 per cent. At a time when the government and bodies such as the CBI are urging employers to reach lower pay deals, the survey also shows that personnel managers expect to receive increases of 5.1 per cent over the next 12

Reward, which carried out the survey in ssociation with the Institute of Personnel Management, said that with inflation. measured by the RPI, at 3.6 per cent, the

that level should have been clear. While an "astonishing" 26 per cent of com-panies have been unaffected by the recession, according to Reward, many are trying to cut costs, including controlling

pay. Almost 20 per cent of those surveyed had postponed pay reviews.

The study shows that personnel directors are paid on average £43,400 and personnel managers £34,000. Fewer personnel managers £34,000 and personnel managers £34,000 and personnel managers £34,000. personnel managers and directors are receiving bonuses, though the average bonus for directors is still £6,000, fewer are travelling first class on British Rail, but more have car phones and free private' logic of senting pay claims at, or below, mileage petrol.

SEASONAL losses and restructuring costs at Gleuchewton, the toys and household goods company, have dragged Wilton Group, its parent, to a pre-tax loss of £753,000 £68,000 profit in the six months to end-June. Wilton is selling off its property portfolio to refocus as an industrial investment company, using Glenchewton as a core. Glenchewton accounted for £489,000 of Wilton's losses. There was a loss per share of 0.15p (0.01p) and no interim DALE Electric International, the Yorkshire power systems group, unveiled restructuring plans aimed at reducing gearing, improving profitability and enhancing growth prospects. Dale's activities will be streamlined into one principal United Kingdom operating subsidiary, Dale Power Systems, to help create a lower cost base. The group will concentrate on diesel and gas turbine generators, airport ground power and battery-based power. Dale has also sold part of its mainly unused property in Ashford, Kent, for £750,000.

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### Rowe Evans doubles

Streamlining at Dale

FIRM palm oil prices helped Rowe Exans Investments, the Malaysian and Indonesian plantations group, more than doubled pre-tax profits to £926,000 (£443,000) in the six months to end-June. Turnover rose to £2.24 million £1.7 million), taking trading profits to £828,000 £254,000). Earnings per share increased to 1.13p (0.62p). There is no interim dividend (all). Palm oil prices have been sustained at improved levels due to buying by Pakistan and India in particular and by the reduction of world stocks.

### Rhône-Poulenc sale

THE French government plans to raise up to Fr4 billion from the partial privatisation of Rhone-Poulenc, the chemicals group. The proceeds are to be used to finance a state-sponsored employment programme. The fundraising exercise is not believed to be leading to the ultimate privatisation of the company. Rhône-Poulenc is one of the world's top ten chemical firms and had a net income of Fr2 billion in 1991. The government plans to sell "at least" 6 million shares, equivalent to 10.5 per cent of the capital.

#### Haemocell cash call

HAEMOCELL, the blood filtration equipment group, has launched a £6.1 million rights issue to help expand manufactisimched a co. I million rights issue to help expand manufacturing and development after winning approval for its \$350 blood transfusion system in America. The one-for-four rights issue covers up to 4.3 million new ordinary shares, at 150p each. Haemocell shares rose 21p to 245p. The company estimates the pre-tax loss for the year to end-August at £1.69 million, largely due to the costs of expanding production and the later-than-expected granting of FDA approval for \$350.

#### Etonbrook tender offer

ANDREW Perioff, the property financier, and his Panther Securities vehicle, have made a tender offer for 416,086 ordinary shares, or 10.86 per cent, of Etonbrook Properties, at 73p a share. Mr Perloff and Panther hold 146,250 and 176,848 Etonbrook shares (3.8 and 4.6 per cent) respectively. In aggregate, the joint tenderers and parties deemed to be acting in concert with them hold 733,098 Etonbrook shares, representing 19.13 per cent in the former Business

#### Norex shares rise

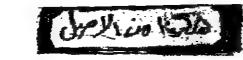
SHARES in Norez, the insurance broking to travel and shipping group, jumped 19p to 91p on news that Norex America, the group's 49.7 per cent-owned subsidiary, had agreed to a refinancing of debt of Global Marine, the American oil services group. Global will buy back from Norex, and certain of its partners, more than \$200 million of Global long-term debt for an average weighted price of about 90 per cent of face value, which is understood to be favourable for Norex America.

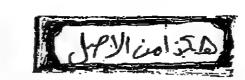
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But towards the end, our membership of the ERM forced us to adopt an unbalanced mix between monetary and fiscal policy, a mix dictated by German unification and one unsuited to the rest of Europe, and, some are saying, to Germany. The challenge facing the UK now is to pursue a more balanced domestic policy stance without undermining the medium-term commitment to stable prices. We must not be misled into thinking that being outside the BRM gives us easy choices. There is genuine uncertainty about the state of the

world economy and of our domestic economy. On the one hand, there have in this country been sharp reductions in business and consumer confidence, further declines in house prices, and large falls in manufacturing employment. On the other hand, retail sales have picked up and the effects of the recent easing of mone-tary policy are still to be seen. In some respects, an accu-

rate qualitative description of the process affecting the UK economy is debt deflation with the burden of debt leading to disposals of assets, and the resulting fall in asset prices leading to even higher capital gearing ratios. But the quantative significance of this is hard to assess — we have no experience of similar circumstances in the post-war period.

deflation is real. But we should not forget that domestic denand in real terms has risen.

over the past year. The acceptability of any further overall easing in policy rests critically on how aiert we will be to new information about the económy, and how willing to tighten monetary policy as soon as there is evidence that demand is rising sufficiently rapidly to endanger our long-run goal of price stability. It is imperative that the authorities are not perceived as taking their eye off their counter-inflationary duty. It is precisely because there is no long rum trade-off between inflation and output

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Gov-ernor of the Bank of England, addressed bankers and the City at the Mansion House last night. Extracts from his speech and from those of the Lord Mayor and Peter Middleton are published below

that we must retain a firm counter-inflationary policy. The necessity to be alert to changes in the economic situation is matched by the need for a further ingredient in our monetary policy — that of openess. I greatly welcome this initiative, which the Chancellor has amplified this evening, including his invitation to the Bank to publish a quarterly report on inflation. This will assess the progress made in achieving the inflation objective the Chancellor has set and the prospects for inflation in the futur

I have spoken tonight about three important qualities of a successful monetary policy alertness, firmness, and openness. These attributes are no less relevant to our other principal responsibility - supervisory policy.

Alertness, in particular, is something which the Bank has had cause to address following the Bingham Re port on the BCCI affair. The criticisms of lack of vigour in pursuing signals of possible fraud have been well publicised, as I trust has our response involving establishing a special investigations unit and a legal unit.

In general, our supervisors have been very successful in maintaining financial stability and in addressing problems when depositors interests are

just eight liquidations and six administrations since 1986. This reflects success in spotting and remedying problems before they come to a head. Over the past six years, in some 35 cases, banks have, at the Bank of England's instigation, successfully implemented remedial programmes. This was precisely the approach taken by the Bank to BCCI when major problems emerged at the beginning of 1990: a remedial programme, implemented by comrolling shareholders. It was blown out of the water by the revelations of pervasive fraud in the

does not mean the chosen. strategy was wrong. Bingham does not say it was wrong If we had closed the hank during 1990 when, on the information available to us, there seemed every prospect of a successful remedy, I am in psolutely no doubt that we would have been pilloried from every corner for causing unnecessary loss to depositors.

It is said that we are timid in the use of our powers. I do not accept that. Since 1986, apart from the 35 cases of successful remedial action to which I have referred, there have been 17 occasions on which we have used our revocation powers, and 28 acts of restriction. And I totally reject the offen-sive and wholly unfounded abroad, that the Bank was somehow party to a cover-up, or colluded with BCCI, or even that our officials took

But we do have lessons to learn and learn them we will: there is a major strengthening of our team and our structures we will be more alert to signs



### Lloyd's emphasises need for level playing field in government support

FOR those of us in the indifficult to manage our affairs against a background of natu-ral disasters, which cannot be prevented. What we can do is to share the burden or risk, by spreading it through the nechanism of insurance.

This City is the birthplace of modern insurance. The many companies that practise insurance here, and Lloyd's underwriters have made it quite sim-ply the greatest insurance centre in the world. That is why I see the difficulties of the recent past as providing tremen-dous opportunities for those insurers who hold their nerve and are prepared to change their ways. We at Lloyd's are going through a very profound programme of reform and adaptation: we shall come through it stronger, more efficient and better placed to meet the challenges of this decade.

As we implement this process of change we shall keep a firm eye on three things: first, the need to preserve Lloyd's reputation as a centre of innovation and flair; second, the strong links between Lloyd's and other institutions in the City of London; and third, the help we need to ensure we are competing on level terms with our competitors in continental Europe and elsewhere.

The flair of Lloyd's in the marine world gave rise to the Lloyd's Form of Salvage, which is now a world standard. This year, when well-publicised concerns arose about the security of pension funds, Lloyd's was first into the market with a new insurance product offering protec-tion to pension fund holders against thest. We shall nurture

executive, outlines three factors crucial to maintaining Lloyd's position as leader in the world insurance market while it implements reforms

London and during the past year I have had many occasions to be grateful for this. The Governor and his staff have been unfailingly helpful at this time of profound change for the Society of Lloyd's. The Lloyd's which emerges from our reform programme will never lose sight of its role in helping to promote the City of London. And that is why we have pledged a contribution to the Financial Law Panel. But there is also a different

type of support which Lloyd's needs. Many of you will be aware of the financial impact on the insurance industry of retrospective legislation on the environment, particularly in America. We ask is that in framing any new legislation on whether in the UK or the wider European Community, we avoid the sheer injustice of im-

posing hability retrospectively.

The second element of support we need is to be able to compete on equal terms with our competitors, particularly in Europe. It is not enough for Lloyd's to have a rich endowment in terms of talent and experience. We must compete with many others who are able to threaten the primacy of London because of the advantages their governments permit them. You will rightly say I am biased. Then let Dr Onno Ruding make the point for me. He is an international banker, formerly Dutch finance minister, who recently chaired an EC enquiry into the impact of national tax regimes on the location of businesses. He noted that the London market had the highand distribution of insurance the world, but not a similar tration. Why the imbalance?

I quote: "The London market's continental European competitors all have the ability to build up their own capital resources through tax-free catastrophe or equalisation reserves, as well as, in many

cases, other advantages." I have high hopes that our authorities will heed this analysis, and, to quote Dr Ruding again, he stresses "the overriding importance of a tax regime for reinsurers that would enable the London market to harness its own resources", as, for example, in Germany.

## London is still the world's top financial centre

throughout this year to promote the City as a great It is a proper and worthwhile task for the Corporation of London, with the Lord Mayor as its head, to promote our financial centre, facilitating, undertaking and sharing in such initiatives as the City research project, the transport user group and the campaign for the European Central Bank, as well as seeking to provide an efficient and attractive environment

For our part, we have found the close working relationship with the Bank of England and practitioners invigorating and stimulating and very

delighted to announce a new, tion and the Bank of England in the field of legal risk. Many will be aware of Lord Alexander's legal risk review committee and the proposal to establish a financial law panet, a permanent body to provide a forum to assess questions of legal uncertainty as they affect our wholesale financial markets.

In order to ensure the early ment and working of the panel, the corporation and the Bank of England have agreed to act as co-sponsors, ensuring that it has significant financial backing for the

Sir Brian Jenkins, the Lord Mayor of London, spoke of the City's international reputation, its respected commercial law and approach to regulation, and the need to continue its promotion

first three years. As I have tried to promote the City, I have come to observe and learn better the diarateristics of London. Geography, hist-ory, experience. English comerical law and our approach to regulation have all played a part. It is simply the greatest international finan-

cial centre in the world. As regards transport, I have recently written to the prime minister saying how important to our ongoing success are the various London-based projects, in particular, CrossRail. As regards regulation, we have heard a good deal about this recently, not least in the context of Lord Justice Bingham's report on BCCL. Attention has focused on particular criticisms made in relation to a uniquely difficult case over a 20-year period. But that should not obscure his general assessment that the Bank of England's supervision has served the community well. I agree with that; and that is what I hear from

banks all round the world.

Indeed, they say it is an

for our securities and insur-ance regulation, where, simiapproach, Which is crucial. Finally, on the location of the European Central Bank. We have worked hard to

being here. And the same goes

promote London's case. We believe that case is irrefutable. London is and will, whatever happens, remain Europe's primary international financial centre. We believe that the turnoil

in the markets of recent weeks strengthens rather than weakens that argument. Europe's monetary institutions must be close to the markets. They cannot act in isolation. And the precise day-to-day relaand the Community are not particularly relevant. Despite continuing detailed debate, reinforced its position as Europe's natural and congenial international financial centre. We have to persuade gov-ernments and politicians of

the good sense of our case. We can only put the business case. Chancellor, we rely on you and your colleagues to persuade those who will decide. You can draw in aid that. whatever governments and politicians may say, the financial community throughout the countries I have visited are quite clear as to the great advisability of choosing

## Japan bank bad debt at £62bn

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S 21 leading banks are burdened with 12,000 billion yen (E62 billion) in novperforming loans, according to figures leaked from the ministry of finance yesterday. Detailed figures will be announced today with bank earnings for the half year, but analysts judged the ministry's official bad debt total to be between one half to one fifth of the actual total.

Sumitomo Life insurance has estimated the banks' collective bad debt at Y22,000 billion, while other analysts put the figure at more than Y50,000 billion. Kleinwort Benson International believes that the total cost for bailing out all Japan's financial institutions, including insurance companies could be far larger than the American cost of resolving its savings and loan

Yesterday's ministry of finance figures represent com-

banking sector, lead by Tsuneo Wakai, chairman of bined outstanding bad loans to the 11 city banks, three long term credit banks and the federation of bankers associations and chairman of Mitsubishi Bank, announced seven trust banks. The ministry defines non-performing loans as those on which interplans to create a self-managed bail-out scheme. est has not been paid for six

The sector proposes to form months (compared with three months in Americal and exa private sector body that would buy real estate being cludes the problem loans held by bank affiliates, many of held as collateral on bad loans, thereby performing the dual role of relieving the burden of real estate-related non-perwhich were lenders to property-related ventures during the boom of the late 1980s. The vast majority of these misightly assets represent loans to the still ailing real forming loans and stimulating the moribund property estate sector. The national

Japanese banks argue that while these non performing loans are indeed a burden, their impact on balance sheets average for land price indices fell 5 per cent last year, and prices are down 30 per cent in and on the banking system as Tokyo and 40 per cent in Osaka from their peaks in the a whole has been exaggerated. Nevertheless, the banks appear to be rushing to get the late 1980s. Bankruptcies in the real estate sector continue new organisation in place so that transfers can be effected to loom, keeping confidence in the banking system in very before the close of the financial short supply.

Earlier this month, the

### **Northern business** 'takes a pounding'

vived the recession better than other parts of the country, is beginning to feel the pinch. according to the latest quarterly survey of conditions in the

The situation is as bad as at the beginning of 1991 when the local economy hit its nadir, states the Business Survey North, produced by the Northern Development Company and the chambers of trade of Teesside and Tyne

more stable political environ-ment would foster economic

principal concern of businesses in the north, but there was a significant increase in the number of companies calling for a lower exchange rate. The

The report showed that the steady growth in investment in plant and building went into reverse. Sales on the

#### BY PAUL WILKINGON The North, which has sur- among business people that a

and Wear. "The results of the survey came as a serious blow after exmonths in which the region had rallied well to recover from the first wave of recession," says the report, which covers Cumbria and the Northeast of England. "The modest post-election improvement has proved to be another false dawn. The expectation

recovery now appears, sadly, misplaced. It is clear from these results that the northern economy took a pounding in the third quarter and businesses are apprehensive about prospects, at least for the rest of the year.
"Interest rates are still the

number may have been high-er but for the fact that many replies were received after ster-ling's suspension from the ERM."

home market have dropped.

### **BP** secures North Sea future

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barrels of oil equivalent to the COST control, improved techend of the century, he said. UK North Sea oil and gas nology and co-operation between companies have secured production averaged just over 2.8 million barrels of oil a future for the North Sea's oilfields despite their maturity, a British Petroleum executive equivalent a day in 1991. Of this. BP was responsible for Chris Gibson-Smith, re-

ing its UK output at 500,000 ous examples of how previous-

around 485,000 barrels a day, sponsible for exploration in Europe, told a meeting of the the company's figures show.

Mr Gibson-Smith said the Institute of Petroleum's West cost of exploiting the North of Scotland Branch that the Sea oilfields, and the technical UK North Sea was a classic and physical demands imexample of an oil province in posed, were immense. Ageing which the largest field had almost certainly been found. infrastructure, declining field size, and increased safety and but where good business openvironmental pressures had portunities remained BP added to the challenge. looked forward to maintain-"But there are now numerly uneconomic prospects have been transformed by new thinking, by radical engineering, and above all, by new ways of working between the parties involved, he said.

Rival oil companies today co-operate to the new, marginal oil developments into the North Sea's existing production infrastructure. This reduces costs and extends the lives of the installations serving declining fields. Mr Gibson-Smith said.

"The North Sea is a very good example of how a transformation in costs and productivity can secure the future of a mature oil province," he said.

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## RHM battle knocks credibility all round

GREG Hutchings at Tomkins has a credibility problem to address as he does the rounds of City institutions over the next few weeks. Tomkins is a widely admired and well-managed manufacturing conglomerate, but its expertise has been bolting together hits of metal and its experience in bread is nil.

Mr Hutchings rightly insists manufacturing is mamifacturing and the same skills and disciplines apply. True, but the performance of the Tomkins shares, off 49p at 219p and 28p below the theoretical ex-rights price, suggests more explaining is needed.

Left with precious little credibility is Stanley Metcalfe and his team at Ranks Hovis McDougall, although they can at least claim they wrested a good price for a business few would look at twice not

many months ago. RHM was galloping madly down the demerger route and not protesting too hard at analysts' break-up values of £3 a share and above until Tomkins appeared; now 269.54p, the cash-plus-dividend on the table is enough. apparently. Still, Mr Metcalfe can at least be said to have

kept his options open. Left with a big dent in their credibility are Lords Hanson and White. You can't win them all, but if Hanson, as widely expected, walks away, it will have lost two in a row. It might just be tempted to come back with more cash.

Tomkins abrupt share price plunge leaves the cash-and-shares offer worth just 251p for each RHM share, although this will improve as and when the persuasive Mr Hutchings puts his message across.



Unhealthy results: Sir Denys yesterday announced the worst sales and pre-tax profit figures for ICI since 1986

Based on the cash-plus-dividends on offer, Tomkins is paying a respectable 15 times' historic earnings while taking the group out at the lowest ebb of its fortunes, brought down by the bread wars.

David Lang, food analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, believes the market will not improve until 1994-5, while other observers are even more gloomy. The rights issue price of £2 looks attractive, although

Tomkins shares will underperform at least in the short term if the bid goes through, and for RHM shareholders there is much to be said for the price available in the market. But those investors should not be

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too quick to cash in.

that ICI makes, there is none in its cupboard to cure the world's sick economies.

ICI shares have already suffered several shake-outs this year as the City readied itself for horrid quarterly results, so yesterday's awful nounced by Sir Denys Henthe shares 14p weaker at £10.36p. Their April peak was £13.81. The latest quarterly

report covering the three months to end-September revealed the worst sales and pre-tax profit figures since

For a host of reasons, thirdquarter sales were nearly 10 per cent down at £2.77 billion. while third-quarter pre-tax profits were £103 million worse at £93 million. The nine months' tally

£8.91 billion (£9.4 billion) of sales, and £513 million (£703

blunt warning is that trading conditions cannot be expected to improve "in the near term, which begs the City's most worrying question — whether or not the 1992 final dividend will be cut.

As for demerger proposals, the wisdom of putting pharm-aceuticals, agrochemicals and certain speciality operations into one camp, and housing industrial chemicals, paints, materials and explosives in another, must now be increas-

Virtually all operations con-tinue to be buffeted by recession, and it was only pharma-centicals that turned in some thing of a credible per-formance, with quarterly trading profits virtually steady at £146 million.

Industrial chemicals turned in a third-quarter loss: explo-sives were down from E15 million to £9 million: losses within materials rose from £14 million to £27 million; and there was a 62 million loss at agrochemicals and seeds.

The dividend question will be answered on February 25, though if 1992 pre-tax profits do fall as far as £550 million from last year's £843 million, to give net carnings of 49p, a total 55p dividend would be uncovered — and ICI would

break new ground.
ICI's goal of dividend stahility suggests the company will do its upmost to hold the 1992 final, but if a chasm ooms as 1993 breaks, then the dividend should not be regarded as sacred.

The shares trade on 21 times prospective earnings. Meanwhile, prospects for 1993 are clouded, and the shares still look over-priced.

### Political uncertainty unnerves the Dow

SHARES were mixed at mid-not materialised. Turnover day as political uncertainty rippled through Wall Street with blue chips surrendering previous gains. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.54 at 3,250.86. Traders said the market became squeamish on news of an opinion poll showing President Bush gaining ground in the run-up to the presidential

☐ Hong Kong — Shares closed slightly weaker after a day of moderate fluctuations but the market shrugged off the latest Sino-British dispute, brokers said. The Hang Seng Index closed down 9.48 points (0.15 per cent) at 6.117.50.

An expected plunge following Wednesday's release of disputed Sino-British correspondence dating from 1990, over Hong Kong's future had

slid to a relatively modest HK\$2.05 billion from Wednesday's HK\$2.5 billion. ☐ Tokyo — The Nikkei closed below 17,000 for the first time in seven trading days, finishing 130.70 points down, or 0.77 per cent, to 16,937.71, with an estimated 160 million shares traded. Brokers said shiggish finures and a lack of factors weighed on prices. The TOPIX index was down 5.26

points to 1,287.13. ... [] Frankfurt — Worries about higher German taxes and the decision by the Bundesbank not to change interest rates hit German share prices. Selling, in particular from abroad, pushed the DAX index below the psychological 1,500 point level to a 1.1 per cent lower close at 1,493.64.

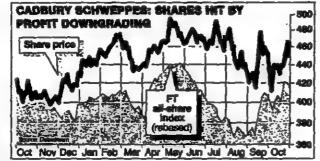
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## Dealers hope that the worst is over

THERE was a sense of antici-pation in the Square Mile last night with dealers convinced that a positive message of growth from the Chancellor in his Mansion House speech could provide the signal for recovery that many investors have been waiting for since the pound was devalued.

latest flurry of bid activity, would enable the equity market to shrug off much of the lethargy that has been reflected in the low turnover levels this account. Yesterday a total of 567 million shares were traded as the FT-SE 100 index managed to recover most of its earlier 22-point fall to finish the session 8.1 down at 2,642.3. Ranks Hovis McDougall climbed 21 p to 273p after receiving the sur-prise counter-bid from Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate, worth 260p a share in cash and topping an offer of 220p from Hanson.

The terms value RHM at £925 million and to help finance the deal Tomkins is making a rights issue on the raise £653 million. News of the bid left the Tomkins share price 49p lower at 212p, while Hanson fell 54p to 2264p. Speculators were last night waiting to see whether Hanson would walk away from the bid. If Hanson does, they believe its next target will be Blue Circle Industries, up 5p at 162p. By the close of business a massive 38 million RHM shares had changed



hands. Brokers said Tomkins had placed a buy order for 40 million RHM shares with BZW at 270p, which included the dividend. Judging by the turnover level, the order has still to be completed.
ICI fell 14p to £10.36 after

recording a drop in third quarter pre-tax profits from

£196 million to £93 million Pre-tax profits for the first nine months now total £513 million compared with £703 million for the corresponding period last year. Analysts came away from yesterday's meeting with the company in a positive frame of mind after Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, reassured them the board remained committed to the proposed demerger.

The retail sector boasted a few features with Ratners, the jeweller, firming 14p to 104p after confirming it will be in a position to redeem £43.9 million of 4 per cent convertible bonds 2002.

Marks and Spencer lost another 3½p to 324p as analysis continued to downgrade profits estimates for the full year in the wake of Wednesday's disappointing half-timer. Boots advanced 10p to 474p despite James Capel, the broker down-grading its 1993 pre-tax profit estimate by E7 million to £68

Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, fell 14p to 451p after Smith New Court lowered its estimate for the current year by £14 million to £316 million and by £33 million to £355 million for 1993. Tim Potter, analyst at Smith New Court, says the move reflected a tougher trading environment.

tightening of trading condi-tions which will retard profits

group, fell 4p to 385p as Kleinwort Benson moved to cut its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £3 million to £55 million and for million. It says the recession is continuing to take a heavy toil. Kleinwort is becoming increasingly gloomy about pros-pects for the engineering industry and is urging clients to raise money and re-invest it elsewhere in the market.

Heavy turnover was recorded in Shell as it slipped 1p to 534p after Warburg Securities, the broker, was reported to have placed a line of 3.5 million shares at around the 531p level.

Reuters touched £12.03 before ending the session 20p lower at £11.78 before a presentation later today for analysts being delivered by Peter Job, the chief executive. The shares have been de-pressed this week by a put-through of American Depository Receipts, equivalent to 150,000 shares, carried out at a sharp discount to the ruling

Rank Organisation was a firm market, climbing 11p to 574p before a meeting with analysts in the City today. But Lucas Industries, subject of a boardroom split this week, eased 2p to 106p after John Grant and Tonn Gill diese. Grant and Tony Gill, direc-tors, gave a briefing to the Society of Investment Ana-

group, rose 3p to 77p in the wake of a visit by brokers to its tile operations in Hanover. The company was said to have been upbeat about prospects.

MICHAEL CLARK

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

### Investment firm fined for hiding shortfall

THE Securities and Futures Authority has reprimanded and three employees for concealing a shortfall in capital adequacy. Scaleoption, trad-ing as Olliff & Partners, was severely reprimanded and fined £25,000. Berry Olliff. managing director, and William Cole and John Howson. executive directors, were severely reprimanded and fined £7,000 each. Peter Jones, an executive director at the time of the breach, was reprimanded. Mr Cole and Mr Jones no longer work for the firm.

The breach occurred in the last quarter of 1991, when the value of certain principal pos-itions deteriorated. The firm failed to revalue them correctly and submitted financial recording to the SPA, "significantly" understated the risk requirement. When Mr Olliff. Mr Cole and Mr Howson became aware of the deterioration in the positions, they decided that these should be incorrectly shown at their previous values in statements to the SFA. Despite internal advice, they failed promptly to notify the SFA that the valua-

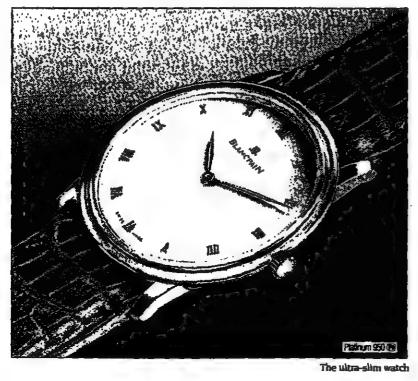
The firm stressed that the breach occurred only once and was, in time, voluntarily disclosed to the SFA. No client money had been at risk. The SFA has expelled Agven Asset Management, a futures broker that ceased trading in May. A disciplinary Diederik Marius Van Den Brock, formerly of Hope Commodifies, is no longer fit and proper to be registered. He

was suspended in June.

tions had been incorrect.



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#### Daimler arm to buy stake in Fokker

DEUTSCHE Aerospace (Dasa). a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz, is to proceed with the plan to buy a 51 per cent stake in Fokker, the Dutch aircraft

Under a deal announced yesterday, Dasa will pay Dfi 880 million (£326 million) for the stake. For the Koninklijke Nederlandse Vliegtnigenfabrick Fokker, one of the smallest players in a depressed and highly competitive airliner market, this deal represents financial security and the free-dom to be able to develop its 70- and 130-seat jets based on the Fokker 100.

it represents a huge leap forward for Dasa into the small jet market, and a saving over the estimated \$2.5 billion cost of designing a range of small airliners from scratch.

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GOVERNMENT securities recovered from a hesitant \$.34 \$.95 \$.00 \$.00 \$.00 \$.00 \$.00 start, buoyed by the belief that a cut in interest rates may follow in the wake of the Chancellor's Mansion House It was the longer end of the market that made most of the running, with investors switching out of shorts and

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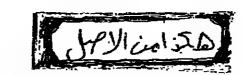
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### Black cloud over the single market

The endless debate on the Maastricht treaty has overshadowed the advent in just over-two months of the single European market. It was not too long ago that the single market, once euphemistically nicknamed "Europe 1992", was thought to be one of the most important landmarks ever agreed in Europe's economic history. Today, one could be forgiven for thinking that the single market

has passed into history before it has even begun.

A report published this week by the high level committee chaired by Peter Sutherland, a former European competition commissioner, serves as a timely reminder that Europe still faces formidable hurdles in the transition to a single market. These are not legislative hurdles, since most of the single market legislation has been ratified by parliaments. The real hurdles are, as ever, far more subtle. Mr Sutherland gives a warning that the potential of the single market will not be reached as long as European law remains as messy and unconsolidated as it is at present. Few companies and consumers are aware of all the relevant directives in a particular field, and even national courts are frequently unaware, or at least uncertain, on the implications of European law. A great deal of work has yet to be done to improve the legal and regulatory interfaces between national and European levels.

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But perhaps a more important threat to the single market is the clamour for subsidiarity, according to Mr Sutherland. Subsidiarity is essentially the principle to carry out a particular policy at the lowest desirable level. Subsidiarity should not apply to areas. such as the single market, where European countries have explicitly agreed that the lowest desirable level is that of the Community. The lack of subsidiarity is the whole point of the single market. The application of "subsidiarity" in this area would imply a return to inefficient market systems from which Europe is rightly moving away, a return to protectionism and the Europe of the non-tariff barrier.

The ghost of protectionism is the real target of Mr Sutherland's warnings. There can be little doubt that the bitterness with which the current European debate is sometimes conducted is, in part, a reflection of the depressed economic climate. In such a climate; calls for protectionism tend to flourish. Mr Sutherland is therefore right to remind Europe of the need to make a success of the single market, one of the greatest anti-protectionst projects ever undertaken.

#### Debt mess

eron's debts were so big that they were always going to be regarded as more of a problem for the banks than a threat to the existence of the company. Barclays, a strong supporter of Gerald Ronson, Heron's former chairman, has more than £8:5 billion outstanding in loans to the construction and property sectors. There was little real alternative to a rescue. Dumping a substantial portfolio of property would almost certainly have destroyed an unwilling and fragile market. For Bardays and the rest of the banking system, the plight of the property business is appalling and will not become much easier for several years. How Barclays must now regret the squandering of its rights issue of a few years back through heavy support for leading property com-panies near the top of a hugely inflated market. Analysts expect Barclays' provisions for bad and doubtful loans to top £2 billion this year, falling to about £1.8 billion next. Even in 1994, the banks will probably be providing close on £1.4 billion to cover disasters in property and business generally. After the fringe banking and property crisis of the mid-1970s the banks said "never again". Where was the Bank of England while the latest mess was being created?

## Failing flight of Heron charts the rise and fall of Gerald Ronson

Jonathan Prynn looks at the passing

of Heron into

the hands of

the powerbrokers of the 1990s

nally caught up with Gerald Ronson. The man who introduced the self-service petrol station to Britain and built his father's tiny furniture firm into Brit-ain's second-biggest privately owned company, was hum-bled yesterday before the 1990s' business power brokers - the banks. It is a measure of the severity of the problems that face Mr Ronson's private commercial fieldom that his debt restructuring proposal involves surrendering 95 per cent of the equity in the company to his creditors.

But for once in his life, in talks with the banks, Mr Ronson held by far the weaker cards. The only realistic alternative to giving way to virtually every bank demand was receivership. This way, at least Mr Ronson keeps management control of his company, even if his shareholding will be diluted virtually that

Mr Ronson's reversal of fortune is, in its way, even more shocking than those of the other great entrepreneurial victims of the recession. Mr Ronson seems to have been around for so long, and to have pulled off so many successful deals, that his nemesis comes as a greater surprise.

Unlike almost all the comparable entrepreneurs of his generation, Mr Ronson has never resorted to the public markets for equity backing, so has been able to maintain a greater degree of personal control of his ventures. He has also always enjoyed a good reputation among his business peers. In 1984, he received the Hambros Businessman of the Year award from the then Chancelor, Nigel Lawson. Mr Ronson was described at

the Guinness trial by Sir John Ouizton, the chairman of Barciays Bank, and a pillar of "the finest businessman of his generation". Whether Sir John would stand by that judgment in the light of events since March must be open to question. Barclays has been the bank closest to Heron since the 1970s and has an expo-sure to the debt-laden group estimated at £120 million.

But for all the accolades. controversy was never too far away from Mr Ronson, culminating in his six-month incarceration at Ford Open prison



Distaff side: Gail Ronson and the couple's daughters

for his part in the Guinness scandal in 1990. In 1976, Mr Ronson's uncle, Gerald Israel Ronson, and his cousin, Howard Ronson, were heavily censured in a trade department report that concluded that 'neither is a suitable person at the present time to act as a director of the company". Nine years later, Mr Ronson was forced to issue a statement insisting that his dealings in BT shares at

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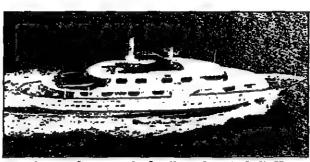
Sir Philip Harris. Last year, it was disclosed that Heron lost £25 million through the collapse in the share price of Control Securities, in which it had a 16 per cent stake. But it was the Guinness trial two years ago that made Mr Ronson the subject of national headlines. He was given a £5 million fine, the biggest for a private individual in British legal history, and sentenced to year in prison. Only six

months of the sentence was served, but even as Mr Ronson whiled away the weeks at the Sussex prison, a far more destructive force was at work, undermining his business achievements in a way that the Guinness scandal threatened to do. In March last year, just after his release, Mr Ronson informed his staff in the company magazine: "Heron weathered previous

> and 1981 and we will one." Withfour however, the financial markets

they did not believe Mr Ronson's PR bravado and that the company was in trouble. By July, Heron Eurobonds were trading at just 53 per cent of their face value as rumours about cash shortages at the company began to do the rounds. In March this year, the company called for emergency meetings with its bankers as trading in its Swiss franc Eurobonds were suspended.





Floating fortunes: the family yacht, My Gail III

downfall

my of the company was for the first time out of the hands of Mr Ronson and his immediate family.

The story of Mr Ronson's rise to fortune in the 1960s after investing the proceeds furniture business in property is well known. He was a millionaire by the age of 23 and went on to acquire all the standard trappings of the successful entre-

preneur. from haxury yacht to permanent sun tan. An aggressive move into petrol tions

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platform for the rapid growth of the group through the 1970s as deal followed deal. Most were in property, although the group diversified into motor dealerships. It was during the 1970s that Mr Ronson gained his reputation as a capitalist with a human face by supporting a wide range of charitable causes. Even as the recession threat-

ened to undermine all the

national last year, the com-pany gave £4.3 million to charity, making it one of the biggest corporate givers in

During the 1980s, Mr Ronson turned his attentions to property opportunities in America. It was this decision, taken more than a decade ago, that perhaps ultimately contributed more than anything else to his financial downfall. in July 1982, Her-

on spent \$75 million US property contributed more buying 12,500 than anything to acres of land previously his financial owned by Howard Hughes in

> deal looked a financial coup and other American deals followed. In 1984, documents released in connection with a bond issue suggested that the company believed it was \$150 million up on the deal. The American property operations were carried out by a Heron subsidiary called Pima Savings, a savings and loans association bought by Heron in 1980. In 1985, Pima made pre-tax profits of \$27 million

estimated at \$113 million. But from 1987 onwards, the American property market began its long and relentless decline, which accelerated as the end of the decade approached. Few regions of America were worse affected by the crash than the sun-belt states of the south west, where Pima was based.

In 1990, the year of Mr Ronson's legal problems. Heron was forced to write off £193.2 million for the 1989-90 financial year in connection with losses linked to Pima. which was by then in liquida-

The write-off pushed Heron into a net loss for the year of £145.3 million. Mr Ronson said he had met his match in the "shark pool" of the Amencan property market. While the American property problem was the biggest facing the group, all its other markets were also being hard hit by

he rest of the year saw Heron attempting to sell assets in order to meet the crippling interest bill on its debt burden, which had climbed to more than £1

No assets were considered sacred in this last ditch attempt to stave off the inevitable, from the petrol stations that made Gerald Ronson his first serious fortune, to the yacht that he named after his

Unfortunately for Mr Ronson, buyers for the assets were few and far between.

This year, the company and its first fall in earnings and net worth. In the face of mounting difficulties, the company attempted to avoid the fate that had befallen so many other overgeared, cashstrapped victims of the property crash by calling a preemptive meeting with its bankers to inform them of the full gravity of the financial position facing it.

That move may well have saved the company, preserving an element of credibility and good will at a time when so many other less open borrowers have been allowed to go to the wall.

Heron also seems to have been helped by the relatively straightforward structure of its debt, and perhaps by the absence of small shareholders to complicate the issues. Nevertheless, the negotiations with creditors have been long and complex.

The ball is now in the court of banks and bondholders. At this stage, it looks as if Heron may scrape through its difficulties. In that respect, Mr Ronson can consider himself

#### Teaming up with CLL ONLY five weeks after being

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shown the door by County NatWest, Rowan "Rags" Simmonds and his highly rated small companies team have found a new home at Credit Lyonnais Laing. Simmonds, 47. was determined to move his team together, a difficult task at the best of times, and is happily taking Penny Freer. Simon King and Mark Murphy with him to CLL on November 9. Their appointment is another coup for Michael Kerr-Dineen, chief executive at Credit Lyonnais Securities, which, against all market trends, continues to expand. and has recruited its third Extel-rated team in two months. Simmonds, of CLL. whose corporate list includes Medeva, the star small pharmaceuticals firm, says: They are the only top ten player with a strategic commitment to small companies on research, sales and corporate finance." Simmonds is also keen on the culture at CLL, reminiscent of his days at Capel-Cure Myers. "They still have the old part-nership atmosphere," he

#### Bard barb

IT SEEMS to be time to brush up on Shakespeare. BZW has been using the codename of Caesar for Tomkins in the RHM takeover bid. Ironically, Morgan Grenfell, adviser to RHM, has been using the same codename to refer to Lord Hanson. Both apparently see RHM as Cleopatra, but



which merchant bank is referring to whom under the code-name of Cassius, the arch assassin, famous in the play for his "lean and hungry look"? BZW, advising Tomkins, believes Lord Hanson's distinguished, gaunt features fit the bill, but Morgan Grenfell has cast Greg Hutchings, Tomkins' chief executive, in the role. Perhaps that is because, having been Lord Hanson's lieutenant, he may be about to put the knife in. Surely, the unkindest cut of

#### Just the job

AS REVEALED by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House dinner last night, the legal risk review committee, the body set up by the Bank of England in the wake of the Hammersmith swaps case, is to be disbanded and replaced with the financial law panel. About six high-calibre lawyers are needed to serve on the secretariat to assist the panel and Tamasin Little, a lawyer with Stephen-son Harwood, is being used as

an advertisement for the job. Little, was seconded to the secretariat to the review committee a year ago, was, at that time, promoted from senior assistant solicitor to senior associate. She has now been made a partner. Urging fellow lawyers to consider applying for one of the secondees jobs, Chris Stoakes, one of Little's more senior colleagues wryty observes: "Apply now, it could give your career just the fillip it

#### On the mend ABSENT from the Stock Ex-

change Cricket Club dinner at Simpson's-in-the-Strand this week, was Nick Clough, the dinner's long-standing organ-iser and a familiar figure on the old stock exchange floor when he was a stock jobber at Bisgood Bishop. Clough, 49 this week, has had pancreatitis and undergone three major operations. According to friends, he has lost four and a half stones and was twice deemed to be on the way out. After staging a miraculous recovery, however, he is out of intensive care at the Law Hospital, Lanarkshire. Anxious to boost his spirits, Winterflood Securities, the firm effectively born out of Bisgood Bishop, has sent a copy of Madonna's book, Sex, and his visitors this weekend will include David Langmead of Beeson Gregory and David "Monny" Monnickendam of Allied Provincial. Languead says: "I've spoken to the hospital all along and they said he needed a miracle. One prays and at last he's off the drips."

#### Cabinet must learn a country's greatest asset is its workforce

From Mr Brian Huime

Sir, 1 wonder when someone in our cabinet is going to realise that the most important asset a business or country can have are its people/staff. During the last few years most of the confidence and enthusiasm has been drained out of the workforce of this country.

I have founded two businesses in my life, both of which have eventually floated as public companies and we were all proud that they had a track record of growth of twenty-five times the shareholders' origi-

I only make this point, not as one of ego, but it was purely the common sense recognition that staff must come first, the company second and yourself last. If you look after the staff and encourage them and re-ward them fairly, and look after the products of the company and the name of the company, you will find that you are automatically looked

Try it the other way round and look after yourself first, the product second and to hell with the staff and you won't have a business for more than a few months.

The United Kingdom is a massive business with proba-bly the best available workforce in the world and what have we got? A burn-bling board of directors (who would surely have got the sack a long time ago had they been in commerce), some wonderful products and the unhappiest staff one could ever wish to

In fact it would appear to me that the way we are dosing down pits and hospitals with-DEBRA ISAAC out proper consultation, we are doing our best to make the situation even worse. Can somebody out there reading

this letter, get over to the government that they must, at the earliest possible moment, create the situation whereby they can guarantee the interest rates will not fluctuate to impossible levels, so that people can buy houses with confidence and open businesses with confidence.

They must also create an atmosphere showing that they care about people, that a pit making a profit is not more important than 30,000 jobs. Show a plan for building roads, railways, tunnels, anything of use to the community, so that jobs can be created

Perhaps we should have a clause where anyone taking cabinet office must have been in business at some time or other in their lives and even had to have had their shirt on the line. Then I think we would have very different

Can you imagine Lord Hanson, Charles Forte or any of the other giants in industry dismissing a massive amount of their staff without due

Yours faithfully. BRIAN HULME. Retired Chairman, Sandhurst Marketing Plc, Spectra Automotive Engineering Plc, The Penthouse, Batisse de la Mielle, St Aubin.

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From Mr P Robeson Sir. Your Comment (October 23) says, apropos the Bank of England, BCCi and Bingham, that supervision is the poor relation in an institution where interest rates and foreign exchange occupy centre stage.

Whether that be true or not, in the context of calls for an "independent" Bank of England and comparisons with the Bundesbank, it is interesting that the latter, quite deliberately, has no banking supervisory role regarding supervision as likely to compli-cate its essential monetary

role. The closure in 1974 of the Herstatt bank during the international dealing day was. however, not perhaps what a presence would have done. Yours faithfully, PWR ROBESON. Thatchers, Happisburgh, Norwich, Norfolk.

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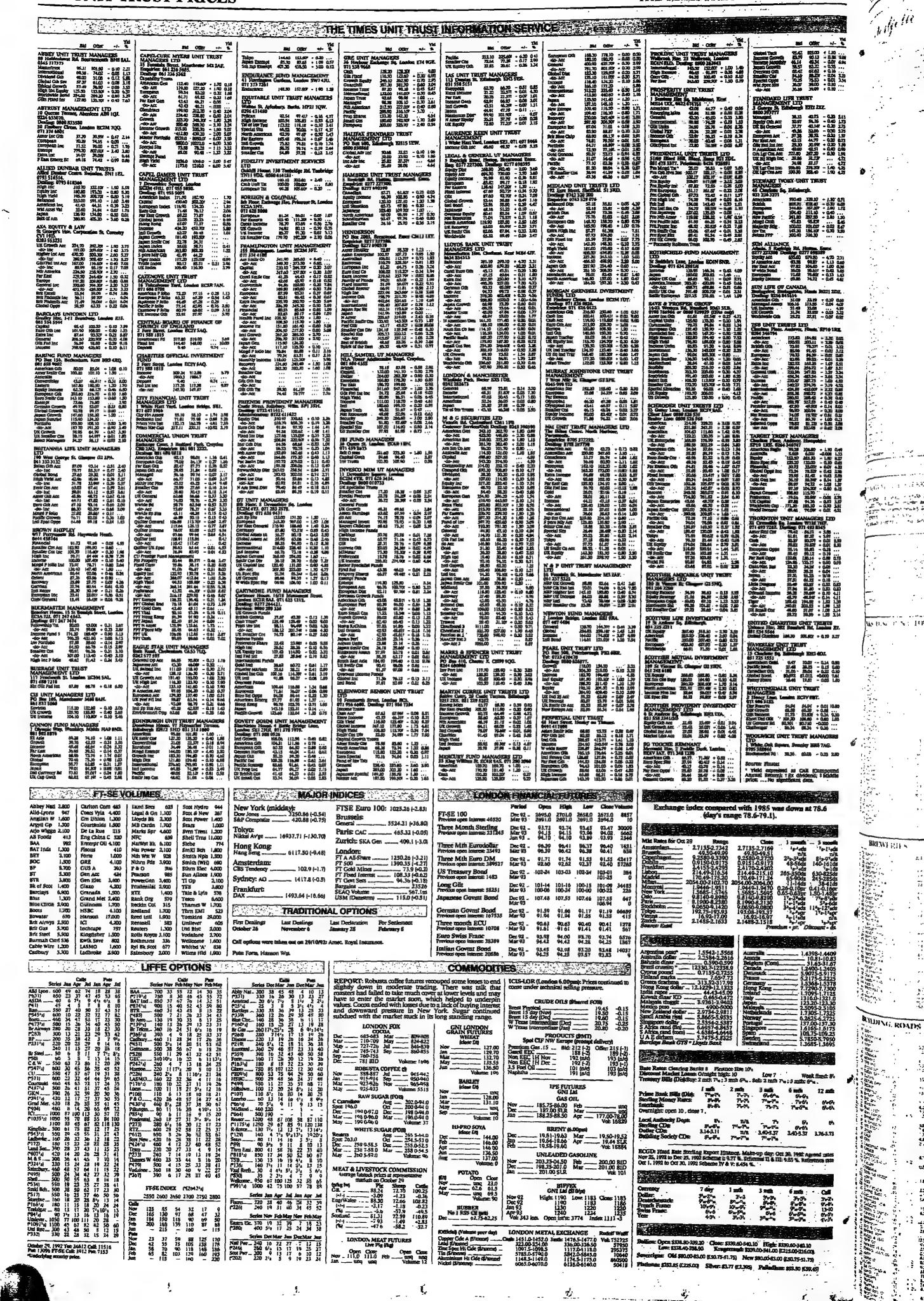
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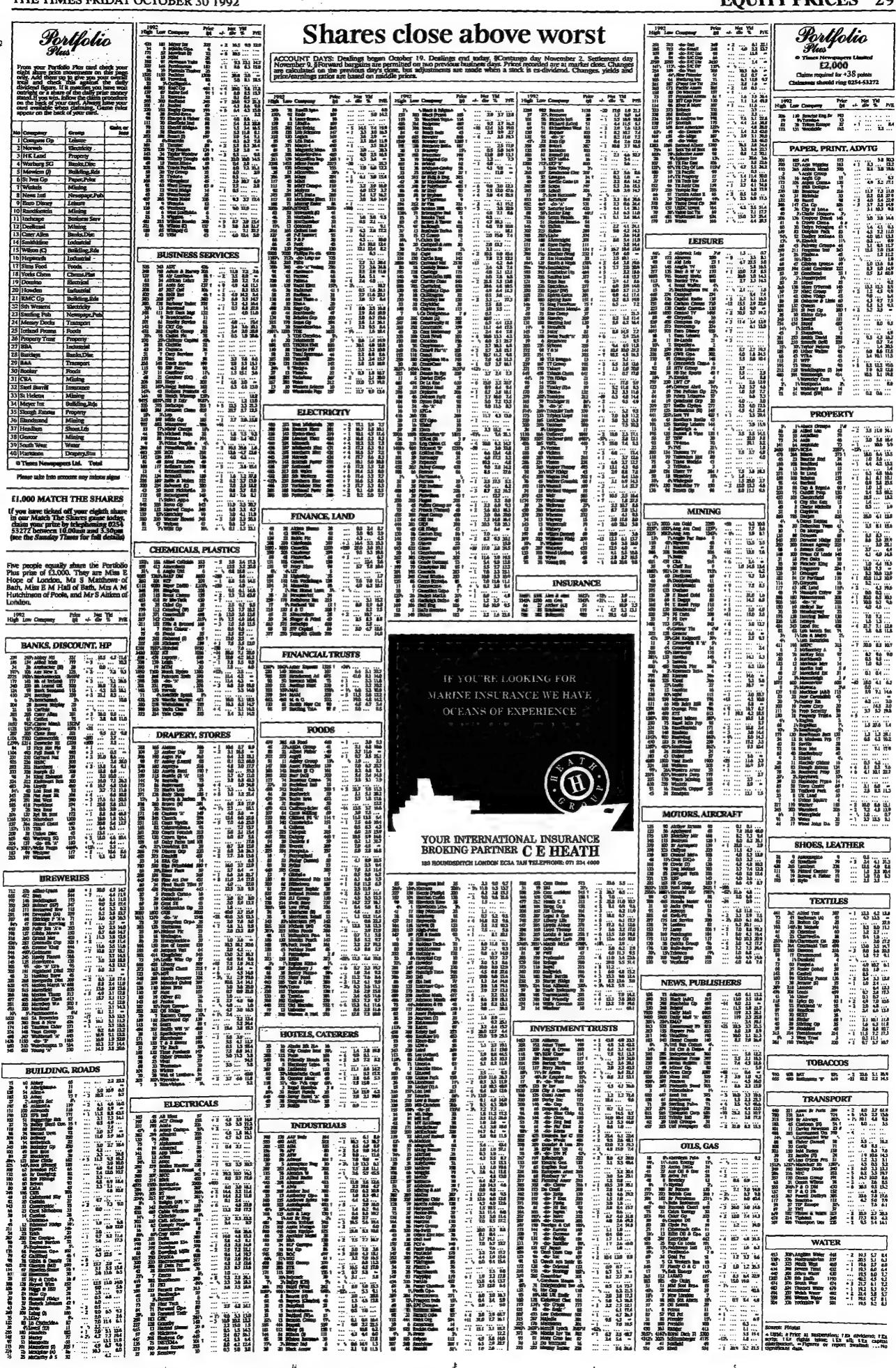
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### **FOCUS** MILTON KEYNES

# Promoting an image of industry and success

fastest-growing city. despite the recession. The population, which rose by 5,600 a year in that last decade. 30 times the national rate, has averaged an annual increase of just under 3,000 during the less buoyant early 1990s.

The present population is 151,500. The target to be achieved early in the new millennium is 210,000, making the city one of the UK's 15 largest urban centres. There are now more than 82,000 jobs in the city, of which 20,000 have been created in the past five years. The total number of jobs in the borough, an area three times that of

the new city, is 96,500.

The challenge is to maintain the momentum of inward investment when the city no longer has a "new town" brand image. The loss of development corporation status, as happened on April 1 this year despite local objections, usually means that a new community is regarded as virtually

However, the city still has a good way to go to meet its original objectives. The only objective to be scaled down has been the population target, from

Milton Keynes may be losing its 'new town' reputation, but its population is still growing

250,000 to 210,000, in response to a promotional operation on a larger demographic trends. This still leaves 22,000 additional homes, private and social, to construct, and a further 50,000 jobs to create.

The Commission for the New Towns, which has taken over responsibility for completing the master plan, faces a task equivalent to building from scratch one of the smaller new towns

whose assets it manages.

The job is clearly relished by the commission's locally based executive officer, John Napleton. He points to an infrastructure that is virtually complete.
About six miles of new roads and several key rail and river bridges have been opened during the past two months. The last links in the primary road network will be in place early next year, giving access to housing and employment sites to the east of the city

To keep fresh investment flowing in.

by 3,000 a year, David Crawford reports scale than in any previous new town it has taken over. The chosen means is a free-standing agency. Milton Keynes Marketing (MKM), a joint venture of

the commission, the borough and county councils, the local chamber of commerce and the Milton Keynes & North Bucks Training and Enterprise Council, with an annual £2.5 million A priority for MKM is to maintain

the rate of investment from overseas. The city's international appeal is illustrated by the fact that 260 of its 2.900 employers are foreign-owned and now employ 15 per cent of the Milton Keynes is an established

destination for Japanese business. It has 45 Japanese companies, the highest concentration outside London. Recent arrivals include the NYK Line, a Mitsubishi Group shipping subsidiary,

its 294,000 sq ft logistics complex, and the wiring specialist Yazaki, which decided on Gazeley Properties' Caldecotte Lake Business Properties'

The United States has brought 90 new employers and mainland Europe 120. More than two thirds of the latter are from other EC members, principally Germany and France. One of the points that MKM stresses to European-owned companies and their UK subsidiaries is a location within 100 miles of the main east coast ports and an hour's drive from four airports. The city is also scheduled as a stop on the cross-Channel rail link.

Domestically, the emphasis is on attracting large UK employers to the city for both headquarters and back-up the British Standards Institution, Argos, BRS and Abbey National.

Sectors being targeted include elec-tronics, telecommunications and robotics (already employing 12 per cent of the workforce): pharmaceuticals; rubber, plastics and packaging: transportation and the automotive industry, food and drink processing; and UKbased financial services. "We are concentrating on growth areas," says Bill Williams, MKM's chief executive.



John Napleton, of the CNT, inset, and students at the De Montfort University campus

The city is just the place for those who are keen to go back to school

## **Education well** catered for at all levels

he planning of Britain's city's residential grid squares, with automated information systems increasing face-to-face contacts by 10 per cent over meant the creation of a social infrastructure on an unprece-dented scale, David Crawford

Since designation in 1967, 41 schools have been built in the city and providing for the educational needs takes up 21 per cent of Buckinghamshire County Council's total budget. Secondary education is based on modern campuses

whose greenfield sites reflect modern thinking on the link between formal education and leisure provision for the comeducation focuses on Milton Keynes College which has more than 7,000 students at three centres.

In higher education, Milton Keynes has proved a magnet. Before the arrival of the Open University in 1969,

town 'housed' a university - now there are four within a short radius. In 1990 the Development Corporademic institutions to bid for the oppor-tunity to establish a: local satellite. The successful tenderer was Leicester's De Montfort .Univer-

no British new

sity, chosen for a curriculum package concen-trating on business, the built environment, computing and engineering.
De Montiort offers courses

in conjunction with Milton

Keynes College and on its own

site next to the Open University and, since opening in 1991, has increased to more than 800 full and part-time students - 20 per cent of the full-timers being local. A few miles beyond the city boundaries are the private university of Buckingham and the Cranfield Institute of Tech-

nology.

The health faculty has its own campus at Eaglestone. where phase two of the Milton Keynes general hospital opened in 1991.

Local health care operates from centres in each of the systems increasing face-to-face contacts by 10 per cent over the past year and computer-ised childcare recording coming on stream in 1992.

Community support is destined to become the main responsibility of the borough council, which now owns more than 50 neighbourhood and children's centres. The Commission for the New Towns retains a role, however.

John Napleton, the executive officer, says: "We are working with the borough to target limited resources to the areas of greatest need."

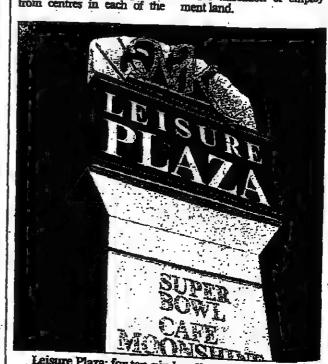
ment began in the 1980s. The Point - an integrated entertainment complex with Britain's first purpose-designed multiplex cinema - opened in 1985, while the Bowl has featured entertainers such as

the pop singers Michael 'A great and David Bowie. The Leisure Plasuccess of za, opened in 1990, provides 36 lanes of the city ten-pin bowling and an Olympic scale ice-skating rink - the venue scope for for next month's British ice figure informal skating championships — which was recreation' used as this year's Olympic squad

is its

training camp. The city has also been selected as the site of the National Hockey Centre. The Royal Shakespeare Company. Weish National Opera and Royal Ballet have all per-formed in Milton Keynes, but backing has yet to be found for a purpose-designed theatre. The Commission for the New Towns, however, remains firmly committed to the

One of the greatest successes of the city is its scope for informal recreation. More than a fifth of the area is devoted to open space nearly 70 per cent more than envisaged in the 1970 master plan - despute the city's popularity with industry, which has meant a 50 per cent increase in the allocation of employ-



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## A move in the right direction

David Crawford

reports on the new city: a place where jobs are on the increase

n sharp contrast to most of Britain, Milton Keynes has succeeded in keeping its head above water on the jobs front. A recently published survey by Chesterton Consulting shows that overall employment fell by slightly more than 0.5 per cent-during the year to April 1992, compared with drops of 1.83 per cent for Britain as a whole and of 4.26 per cent for the

Excluding construction, the results show a net gain in permanent jobs of 154 bringing total employment at the start of the financial year to 82,000. New jobs created totalled 4,620, while expansion by existing businesses, added a further 1,895 posts. This has more than compen-sated for the loss of 6,361 jobs. of which nearly 12 per cent was due to the winding up of the Milton Keynes Development Corporation. 🕧

The increase in vacancies has come from private sector investment, which set a record of £374 million for the year, with 124 businesses opening for the first time and 98 established companies open-ing new facilities. Maintaining this level of interest is crucial in an area where unemployment was virtually non-existent before the

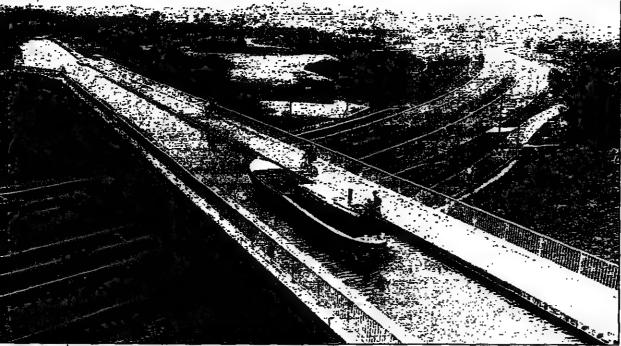
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Day nurseries are provided to make it easier for married women to work in a jobs market where 45 per cent of the workforce is female.

It is also a very young city, with a quarter of the popula-tion being under 16. The rate



Cruising along: the first aqueduct to be built on the Grand Union Canal for 50 years cost the city £4 million

of job growth has to be higher than elsewhere in the UK just to find work for the people already here," Philippa Eccles, the Chamber of Commerce chief executive, says.

In the half year since April, Milton Keynes Marketing (MKM) estimates that at least 700 new jobs have been created. This compares with an annual average of 3,600 during the ten years to April 1992, but Bill Williams, the chief executive, is confident that business will pick up-emphasising the policy of tar-geting growth sectors which will be the first to expand

Sites for developments to house a further 50,000 or so jobs have been identified in a plan under which the Com-mission for the New Towns (CNI) is empowered to grant detailed planning consent on

disposal. On transfer day, April 1, it inherited 750 acres of industrial land (more than half in serviced plots), 86 acres of commercial land in central

Milton Keynes and the adja-cent Campbell Park.

There is steady interest in acquiring industrial develop-ment land, and the CNT recently received six tenders for eight acres at Brinklow. "Prices bid were buoyant," Maureen Miller, principal estates officer, says, "on a par with those achieved by the development corporation, and this will lead to further sub-stantial disposals on the eastern flank of the city."

A German chemical additives company is interested in buying four acres of industrial land for owner occupation, attracted by easy planning consents and the availability of room for expansion. The CNT

over a further 20 acres. The amounting to 150,000 sq ft," largest site involves nine acres Important recent office

at Kingston, on the city's eastern flank. lettings have been in the 30,000 sq ft-plus range. BSI In central Milton Keynes has taken Sun Alliance's Scorcommercial sites awaiting disposal for development include phase three of the Central pio House (through joint agents Connell Wilson and Business Exchange, where the planning brief envisages 300,000 sq ft of offices, a second hotel with conference Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks) while BRS's national headquarters is now in Ashford Developments' Solfacilities, and additional shopstice House. ping and entertainment.

disposals to owner occupiers

Most of Guinness Mahon/-Britel's Bank House has been het in units of between 7,000 sq ft and 17,000 sq ft to occupiers including Acuma, Amway and Zurich insurance. ith about a miltion so it of va-cant office space in central and outlying areas, commercial development has been quies-Take up is more active at the lower end of the size range," cent. John Napleton, the CNT John Fowler, of Connell Wilexecutive officer, is, however, 50D, \$8ys. optimistic about the prospects Responding to market conof concluding some significant

ditions, rents for prime city centre space are currently being negotiated on a stepped basis, starting at £12.50 and ming to £17.50 per sq ft over the first five years. They can fall to a £10 baseline for new space out of town.

To encourage start-ups the Milton Keynes Business Venture, set up in 1983 as the local enterprise agency, provides serviced "easy-in-easy-out" accommodation for up to three years. Industrial units start from £130 per month all-in for 180 sq ft at the Kiln Farm Industrial Development Centre, which is 70 per cent occupied. The comparable licence fee is £180 per month for a 135 sq ft business suite at the Denbigh Office Service Centre, where just under half the space is available.

Other small busines looking at the older towns to the porthwest and south of the city, where landowners and developers are looking seriously at the potential for small office suites over and behind high street shops. Marketing adviser Sally Hersent set up her Profiles consultancy in a converted 200-year-old barn in Stony Stratford, from where she conducts business over a 40-mile radius.

The CNT's legacy from the development corporation also included 1,450 acres of housing land — enough to build 12,300 of the new homes needed, about half of them on the city's western flank. Its subsequent disposal of 167 acres, followed by the recent marketing of a further 12, is evidence of continuing commitment to affordable housing after the collapse of the 1980s house price boom.

Developers who are currently active include John Mowlem Homes, Persimmon and Wimpey, all with properties for first-time buyers at £40,000 or less. At the top end the new homes market, Vestbury Homes is selling detached, individually designed properties on a fourhouse development on the southeastern fringe of the city for up to £154,000.

### Support systems built from scratch

The city has more voluntary groups per head than anywhere else in Britain

The people of Milton Keynes realised that support systems and community activities which normally exist in established communities would be absent as the Buckinghamshire vil-lage turned itself into a city. The Milton Keynes Dev-

elopment Corporation has spent much time and money establishing a network of workers to help the local communities to set up associations, clubs and self-help groups. One of the results is that there are now believed to be more voluntary groups per head in Milton Keynes than

anywhere else in Britain. Five years ago the Development Corporation set up the Community Trust. Largely through raising money from local companies such as Abbey National, VAG and Argos, the trust has an endowment fund of £800,000. With a little help

Sir Peter: innovation

from the county council, the trust dispenses £90,000 a year. This ranges from the maximum £4,000 to a victim support group, to a £75 grant to a group of families to set up a

parents' helpline. An important source of funds is companies. VAG, the Volkswagen distributor has,

for three years in a row, donated a car for a successful

raffle. Abbey National, the town's biggest employer, donates about £20,000 a year. A firm of solicitors, Fennemores, donated £750 in place of

sending Christmas cards. Lesley Timpson, the Community Trust grants director.
says: "We only give to groups who help people. I think companies feel a loyalty not only to Milton Keynes but to the work we are doing."

Abbey National says: "We like the Community Trust because it enables us to contribute to more than a thou sand local causes at once. On the arts side, the Milton Keynes Foundation and the

Arts Association give away about £80,000 between them to a whole range of cultural activities. Maggie Nevitt, adviser to the foundation, says: "We have over the last year rather split our function and now are much more interested in high profile events, while the Arts Association is more involved with grassroots activities. The foundation supplies the Arts Association with a

£10,000 annual grant." Sir Peter Thompson, foundation chairman, says: "The endowment was founded because of the fear that the new town might become aphilistine desert. We concentrate on innovative projects that would not get government or commercial sponsorship."

Further down the scale the Arts Association is involved in school groups, local theatre groups and local arts events. Roger Kettle, Arts Association chairman, says: There is a very real danger, with the curbacks threatened by local authorities, that not only the arts but the community will suffer. The arts do a lot to make the community worthwhile and viable."

HUGH THOMPSON

## Acres of opportunity for small business

Firms have not been slow to appreciate the location

by Chesterton Consulting, 71 per cent of locally based businesses rated Milton Keynes "a good place to be", while 69 per centres in the city, and compocent voted it "a good place to .

In a Mori poli on relocation criteria, UK business leaders gave the city high ratings for accessibility, competitive property prices and availability of skilled labour.

These factors have pulled in big names, including BRS and Abbey National, Abbey National now has 3,500 people -- most of its headquariers operations staff — based in Milton Keynes.

The build-up has been continuous over the past decade. aided by good transport and telecommunications links with the Abbey's corporate HQ in Baker Street and culminating in last year's opening of a £40 million computer complex at

Shenley Wood.
Steady growth in overseas investment has increased foreign-owned companies in Milton Keynes, from 68 ten years ago to 260 today. A recent arrival is NYK, Japan's oldest shipping group, which chose the city as the base for New Wave Logistics, its European distribution subsidiary. Employers from three conti-

centre at nearby Crambeld; Mercedes Benz. and VAG have their UK distribution nents suppliers are following their example.

The American owned Dana Corporation dispatches more than £250,000 worth of spare motor parts and accessories daily from its Rooksley depot, near the city centre. "In any other part of the UK," says Dick Jones, the general manager, "the position would be a disadvantage. But here all major roads are dual carriageways and the five miles to the MI can be covered non-stop

in minutes." Planned from the outset to avoid over-reliance on any one economic sector. Milton. Keynes is also proving a good environment for small businesses. Eighty per cent of companies have fewer than 20 employees, and the city has earned a reputation as a welcoming place in which to

start up or expand a business.
"This is a very open business community," says Philippa Eccies, the Chamber of Commerce chief executive, "with plenty of 'networking', which allows people to put roots down quickly." Brian Hocken, corporate

Business people like Mil- thems have been attracted to a business manager with the too keynes, as a place location at the heart of the Midland Bank, which has in which to work and to. UK's automotive industry, built up from five to 60 staff live (David Crawford writes). Nissan has in European Re- over the past sen years and Interviewed for a recent survey - search and Development may relocate its regional office to Million Keynes, is bullish about the future. "We are still expanding and putting on new business," he says.

A typical new frontier suc-cess is Polaris, an eyewear manufacturer which relocated from Surrey with a staff of three in the mid-1980s and has since grown to 15 working in a bigger building at Wolverton Mill, Milton Keynes. "Good staff availability is one reason we came," Langion Wildman, the managing director, says. "And. thanks to high productivity, we are expanding."

nother success is Win-Dor, whose founders Bill and Jan Burnes arrived in Britain from Australia five years ago. Their double-glazing and conservatory company employs 26 people, with a £1 million-plus turn-

David and Karen Boyle met and married in Milton Keynes, where their parents had moved to find affordable housing. They run their respective businesses - specialist camera repair and computer-, aided design for the fashion industry - from a 1,100 sq ft factory on the Wharfside industrial estate in Penny Strat-



ford, one of the older villages absorbed by the new city. The building previously housed Karen's evening wear factory, which fell victim to the recession earlier in the year. "It was much easier to start afresh here than anywhere else." says Mrs Boyle, who is taking a part-time computer science course at the local De Montfort University.

Business support is coordinated through a cluster of organisations — the Chamber of Commerce, MK Business

Milton Keynes & North Bucks Technical Education Council (TEC) - which have joined forces with the borough council in the Milton Keynes Economic Partnership.

MKBV runs a free counselling service at the local enterprise agency, and courses for potential entrepreneurs, who can also take advantage of its low-cost serviced business and industrial units. Colin Officer, the chief executive, says: "About a third of the people

ly get started in business." A good index of the demand for skills is the TEC's performance during its first full financial year, which ended in April. While supporting more than 150 start-up businesses and attracting 883 individuals to business skills seminars, it also trained 13.5 per cent more adults and 16-pluses than originally predicted and helped them to achieve 820 national vocational qualifica-

tions - 50 per cent over target.

## Super heat with super savings

access to technology which be made in the home, thank to techniques developed and tested in Milton Keynes.

in the city there are buildings with solar water heaters, buildings designed to be passive collectors of solar energy. integral sunspaces and con-servatories, chemical heat stores, super insulation and a wind-solar co-generation sys-tem. The city also has its own 300-acre energy park filled with energy-efficient homes. offices, shops and public

buildings. Futurehome 2000 provides an example of savings that can be made when two or more modern techniques are combined. The Futurehome 2000 incorporates a conservatory from which warm air is propelled into the house by small fans. Double glazing with a heat-reflective coating gives the same effect as triple glazing and among the heating systems is the first appli-cation of the Totem system. This uses a small car engine, in most cases from the

Fiat range, which runs in a sound-insulated box on natural gas rather than petrol, so creating no poisonous emissions. Because of the high initial costs of the Totem system it is uneconomic for a

that technology could be used to cut the fuel bills in a block of ten or more homes, a small

Milton Keynes is the base of the National Energy Foun dation, a registered charity, which administers the National Home Energy Rating Scheme.

The rating can be calculated at the design stage from drawings or from a visit to the bome by a trained assessor and, as well as giving a rating. the computer can show which energy-saving measures could prove most effective for each

Despite fears that developments in energy efficiency would slow down with the end of the Development Corpora-tion, John Walker, the general manager for the Commission for the New Towns, feels positive. "We are firmly committed to the policies and ideals of the energy park, which the Development Corporation has so successfully implemented to date," he

The energy park will con-tinue to be developed to the merformance same exacting performance standards and high quality until the project is completed.
"We are determined to see Milton Keynes remain a pioneer in the energy field well into the next century."

DAVID YOUNG

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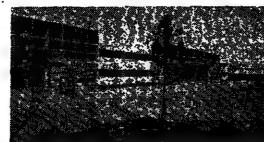


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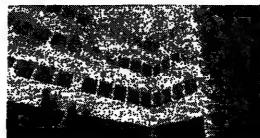


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## Fresh standards being set

**David Young** reports on the

variety of reasons that make

companies move into the city

settle in Milton ts central location in the United Kindom and access to the rail and road networks to establish their national head offices. The British Standards Institution, however, chose a site in the city for a different

The BSI Quality Assurance division has based itself in Milton Keynes in order to promote its decentralisation

The massive growth of interest in the BSI 5750/ISO 9000 quality assurance standards among domestic and overseas clients, which has led to the expansion of the Quality Assurance operation, has meant

no longer appropriate.

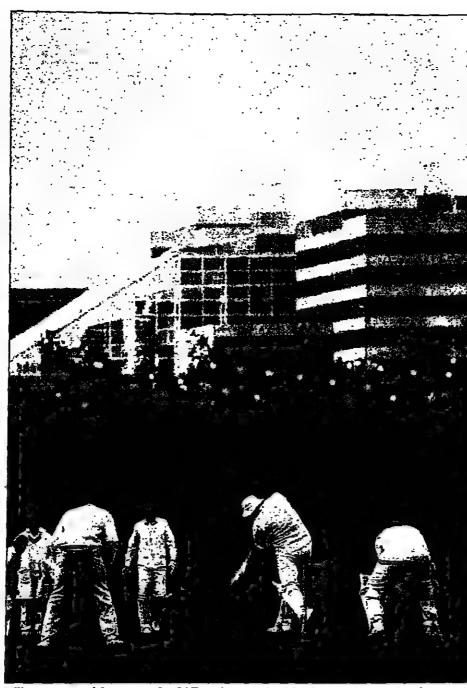
The division is now committed to a regionalisation pro-gramme which will make it easier to get closer to its clients and further develop its "part-

nership approach". Regional offices have been opened in Dudley in the West Midlands, in Wales and in Scotland. BSI staff are now carrying out an important review of their operations to help decide how best to plan the remainder of the regionalisation exercise over

the next few years.

Lord Keith of Castleacre, the BSI president, says: "BSI's strategy is to achieve quality in all the services it provides, recognising that those are in themselves only a means to an

end.
The achievement of quality rests primarily with industry, but it is the BSI's role to support, assist and advise those whose decisions directly affect the practical achievement of quality in the British economy. In a year of reces-



Village game: cricketers on the Oldbrook ground, which is very close to the city centre

industry, quality has been shown to be one of the most vital factors in company suc-

cess or even survival." Lord Keith adds that this has been a significant year for BSI. "Changes to the royal charter in February this year have empowered us to nominate a slimmer main board on the basis of members' individual expertise and experience but reflecting the breadth of interest supporting and served by the institution.

"During the year we have put in place a programme to improve all aspects of organisation and provide a better and more efficient service," he says.

Viv Thomas, the BSI chairman, says: "Political changes in Europe have highlighted the greater importance of agreeing and applying global standards. BSI is long estab-

in the preparation of international standards and we are committed to enhancing their value and promoting their use. Much has been achieved. but a lot more remains to be

The streamlined business structure and a less hierarchi-cal organisation will, I am convinced, lead to a more costefficient and effective overall organisation. We intend to be fully responsive to the needs

"Our vision is to become a local point for improving UK industrial competitiveness and consumer protection through standards, the promotion of quality management systems, product certification and our other related activities," he

In the meantime the Milton Keynes office plays an important role, with staff numbers continuing to grow rapidly and projected to rise by 30 per cent a year over the next few

The ultimate objective is to maintain constant staff numbers at Milton Keynes over the next five years with the transfer of activities to the regions being balanced by the growth in areas of new work, which will continue to be managed from Milton Reynes.

BSI moved to Milton Keynes from another new town, Hemel Hempstead, where it still has its major esting service department but had no space to accommodate the growing QA operation.
The move started in 1984,

and one of the reasons for choosing Milton Keynes was that the existing staff were initially able to continue living in Hemel Hempstead and commute northwards on the M1 or by the fast local rail

nother of the main advantages of Milton Keynes, however, was that high-quality housing was being built within walking distance of the new BSI office, and many of the staff chose to move into the area. Since then, local recruit-

ment from the pool of skilled staff who have been attracted to Milton Keynes has meant that numbers have grown from 120 to 860 and BSI has found that the excellent local shopping, educational and lei-sure facilities have played an important part in attracting the high quality staff that it

Another advantage has been that the BSI offices are situated on one of the main roads in the Milton Keynes grid system, which has meant that the Saff have new problems in home-to-work com-

## Learning to manage, all over the world

From Russia to Hong Kong, the Open University has greatly widened its sphere of influence

Milton Keynes's most famous alma mater, will supervise the courses of 210,000 UK students this ear. In its 20-year history 115,000 have graduated.

Such is the fame and success of the OU that a burgeoning export market is opening up, with 3,000 studying OU courses in the EC, 1,000 in Hungary and a similar num-

have also been set up in Slovakia. Spain, Germany and Holland Plans are under way in Singapore and Hong Kong, and OU material and consultancy is being used in India and Pakistan

tries. These foreign ventures will become profit-

"It all started very gradually ten years ago when a group of expairiate students in Brussels asked whether we could set up facilities for them. In the past two years we

global university." this OU export drive has come from the Open Business School. As the UK attempts to upgrade all levels of its workforce, more and more managers are filling in the gaps in their business education. In terms of short courses for individuals, groups and organisations as well as formal qualifications, there are now 16,000 UK managers taking OU courses, including 900

studying for the MBA. In December 1989, contact was made through the British

Council with the authorities in Moscow to see in what way the OU could assist in establishing distance teaching systems for managers desperate to be-

come market orientated. The Russians were particularly impressed at the effectiveness of the OU system in retraining managers quickly. Not least, the translated OU system gave a quick and accessible route to retraining the teaching staff in

more than 1,000 managers

through OU's course in Hun-

gary. Forty potential tutors

have been trained to take OU

management courses to the

City University in Bratislava. Already 340 Slovak managers

are doing the OU's Effective

Manager course in their own

John Daniel, the vice-

chancellor, says: In some places we are translating courses; in others they want to do the English course. There is no doubt that this is an area where Britain leads and we have already acted as able next year.

Daniel: an area where Britain leads have made several important steps towards becoming a

An important impetus for

language.
The UK Know How Fund has supported Hungarian.

schemes to the tune of £\$00,000 so far. Negotiations are under way with educationand Poland.

However, there are some words of caution about the idea that we may be on the brink of Open University sans frontières. First is the problem of quality control. The recruitment, supervision and training of an army of part-time tutors in the United Kingdom may be very difficult to duplicate in other countries. However, telephone

> works and electronic mail may fill certain is, of course, cost. The dised. The European student has to be charged an economic price. Even with a weakened pound this may be a determent to a full-reale expansion of English

Czechoslovakian and Russian

al and management organ-

isations in Romania, Bulgaria

courses in Europe. Roger Mills, OU pro vice-chancellor, says: "For the past two years scious of the concept of a unified Europe and the single market. We are working closely with the

open universities in Holland, Spain and the Russian management schools. A pilot project was finished earlier in the year and these successful students are Germany to produce a What is Europe' course. Elsewhere, we hope, our ventures will soon be bringing profits of about £1 million a year. "It is not only in Eastern now going on to help run a larger Russian programme. The success is clear, with

Europe that there is a demand for our management courses, we are picking up a lot of interest in countries such as Greece and Portugal. In Lisbon we are working closely with the British Council in more advanced students to use in their English learning. This could be a very important

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# Promise of an immaculate reception

Digital broadcasting should not be ignored as Britain awaits a clearer

transmission, Matthew May reports

ngry expatriates and people in Britain who are outside the range of the BBC's FM transmitters won a partial victory as the BBC amended plans to drop the present Radio 4 service on long wave.

Those who feared that they

would no longer be able to hear The Archers or the other delights of Radio 4 proper when its long wave frequency turns into a rolling news service will not be switched off until at least April 1994, and are likely to have the option of listening via satellite in the near future.

"Putting Radio 4 on sareline is more likely to happen in a few months than in a few years," says



Satellite vision: the head of BBC engineering, Henry Price

Henry Price, the head of engineer-

ing for the BBC.
One favoured option is that Radio 4 should use one of the spare sound channels on the UK Gold satellite television channel, a joint venture between the BBC and Thames, which is due to start transmitting on Sunday from the Astra satellite. If Radio 4 does go out on Astra, it will become available to millions more listeners throughout Western Europe, inchiding countries such as Spain and Italy, where the current long

wave service is not within range.

Satellite is a good option because many expatriates living in continental Europe will have bought it to get TV programmes in English," Mr Price says, "and that may even apply to some people in the UK because in some really rural areas where FM reception is not ulso be difficult to pick up."

However, some listeners are still angry that satellite is so expensive if they want only Radio 4 and that, because satellite radio needs a dish. it can be heard only at home and not out and about in the car or on personal stereos with radio tuners: Even this disadvantage could disappear in a few years with the advent of digital broadcasting, due to start in a limited fashion in 1995, which promises interferencefree and hiss-free reception with the quality of compact discs.



New horizons: satellite radio and digital transmission will take broadcasting another step away from the wireless

Although digital broadcasting is still at the planning stage, one suggestion is that some broadcasts should be transmitted from several new high-powered satellites so that they could be picked up on ordinary car aerials. This would result in any station - local, national or even global — being able to broadcast hroughout Western Europe.

Last week the Radio Authority,

which licenses and regulates independent radio in the UK, published a policy statement on why British broadcasters cannot afford to ignore digital broadcasting and how the country should prepare for its introduction.

Describing digital broadcasting, as the single most significant advance in radio transmission tech-

warns that if this development is ignored, radio -- and in particular the broadcasting of music - will lack the improving sound quality of other media, such as compact discs and other new digital music

The Radio Authority says that digital broadcasting in Britain will need a temporary "parking band" for several years, starting in 1995.

simulcasting broad-casts along with contransmissions as people gradually replace their radios with those having digital capability. most of the existing FM band nearer the

end of the decade. The authority recommends that these temporary frequencies should come from the part of the VHF band line relevision transmissions as this should have enough initial capacity to allow for ten to 12 national stations and five or six local ones and ten to 12 in a few important markets

such as London. For listeners, however, the initial cost of digital radios is likely to be high at several hundred pounds, although after about three years this should fall to the equivalent

price of a medium quality existing receiver, the authority says.

"The difficulty with all this is that the method of how digital broadcasting is transmitted now needs to be tested. There is at least a year's work before we have the answer to some questions," Mr Price says. "We are planning a digital transmitter for the London area so that

transmitter power is needed for places such as London, which will be the most difficult because of the high density of buildings."

The promise of perfect transmission quality through digital broadcasting could bring another problem. While broadcasters are worried that their role in providing high-quality music broadcasts will be lessened if they do not keep up with the move to digital-quality sound, the music industry is starting to be worried about the effects if they do.

The new formats of digital compact cassette and minidisc in-clude the ability for customers to make their own digital recordings. If Europe-wide satellite digital radio takes off as expected, what is to stop stations attracting listeners by broadcasting new compact discs in their entirety, providing listeners with the ability to make a free copy as good as one on sale in the shops

Others in the industry believe that such broadcasts could be controlled by scrambling digital transmisssions so that a listener has to pay to make a recording. Under this system some digital broadcasting could become just a new way of selling music

For the immediate future, however, people such as Mr Price are more excited about how easy it will be to receive a good signal.

Mr Price says: "Though you can often get very good FM reception with a roof-top aerial, most people are unwilling to do it.

"Digital broadcasting will mean that with a very simple antenna on cars, portable radios or in the home, you will be able to get

### Survival of the smartest

The supermarket has whittled away the trade of the traditional high street shop and its friendly delivery man in recent decades, but now technology may see the pendulum swing back, say international retail-

By the turn of the century, new technology may have brought an end to the weekly marathon motoring expedition and the scrum of jostling rolleys, by putting in the hand of the local butcher, curtainmaker and grocer a range to rival that of the supermarkets.

This could be a shooping revolution akin to the one in banking that followed the proliferation of cashpoint machines everywhere from airports and museums to railway stations and offices.

The renaissance of the high street is being predicted as a result of the arrival of multimedia terminals: computers able simultaneously to display words, pictures and videos. and controlled by touch-sensitive screens.

Using a system shown at the Retail Solutions '92 exhibition at Olympia, London, earlier this month, shoppers could pop into their local hairdresser, baker or coffee house to call up a basic shopping list of, say, baked beans, butter, milk and cereals.

The screens would be operated by a shopper's personal smart card carrying the list. the shopper's address and bank account details.

Goods would be held not in the high street shop but at a warehouse that might be tens or hundreds of miles away, yet they could be ordered within minutes, leaving customers to ask their fishmonger or butch-er about perishable foods

**Nick Nuttall** looks forward to

shopping locally — from a

computer menu

The goods would be delive ered at a time chosen by the customers on the touch screen,

or packaged ready for collec-

tion at a convenient site.

Kevin Duffill, an executive with Andersen Consulting in London, the firm behind the 'smart shop" concept, argues that people still like to leave the house to go shopping, but says that this system would eliminate the tedium. In some ways it would revive the once common practice of standing orders for staples at the local grocer with his trusty

delivery van. Mr Duffill says the smart card and screen system would

customer wants to buy mineral water, for instance, the screen could show the full range of bottled waters held at the warehouse, highlighting prices, new products and any special offers. The system could also give detailed information on each water's mineral content, its geographic source and nutritional value, and the latest advertising commercial could run alongside at



John Hollis and Kevin Duffill with the shopping screen

# also offer other benefits. If the

The computer-shopping sys tem could also hold a profile of the shopper, based on past purchasing patterns, enabling to recommend, say, highfibre cereals if the customer has been identified as a healthy eater.

John Hollis, a partner at Arthur Andersen, envisages the shopping terminals appearing in public places, just like cashpoints. The supermarket may thus become a warehouse or a place where ranges of more specialised goods are sold and detailed advice and information will be given by experis or computers.



## Pile them

CYNICS suggest that computer supermarkets amount to little more than letting customers into a company's mail order warehouse. For PC World, however, it is a strategy that is clearly working as it opens a third superstore in Brentford, west London, to-morrow. A fourth is planned to open at Staples Corner. north London, in three weeks. These join stores in Croydon, Surrey, and Lakeside Thur-

it off the shelf, like a can of beans," says Jan Murray, the chairman of PC World, who Print boost claims prices can be up to 30. per cent cheaper than from a

conventional computer dealer. Phone pact

SWITZERLAND, Germany and the four Scandinavian countries have signed Europe's first pact allowing mobile telephones to be used for international calls between the countries. Once the technical systems are in place, the agreement will allow calls between mobile telephones without international dialling codes, and will ensure that callers are billed on their home account, wherever the call is made from. Other European

the agreement, starting with France and Italy in 1993.

A SMALL Japanese company

has developed a 16-megabyte memory module for Macintosh personal consuputers that it says can boost the memory capacity of a PC to rival that of a mainframe. The company, Tokyo-based International ientific, is to start selling the £1,000 module from next week but only in Japan. Macintosh computers are in

great demand among printing companies and graphic designers in Japan because they can handle sophisticated computer graphics and Japa-nese characters. A larger memory enables them to work on much bigger monitors.

The telephone, which will fit into a briefcase, uses a small satellite dish to make calls via Immarsat satellites. Tariffs. however, will be substantially higher than for conventional long-distance calls.



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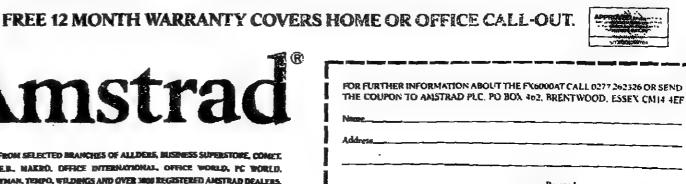
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# Progress at a gentle pace

to the market with all programs blazing, open systems have a lot of ground to make up,

Far from rushing on

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**David Guest** reports

By the standards of the computer industry's move to open systems, it was an Olympic sprinter.

Originally, the idea of open systems was that the different computers of various manufacturers should be able to communicate with each other. Computer systems used to be like rail networks before the acceptance of standard gauge: not only locomotives and rolling stock, but also bridges, tunnels, platforms and so forth had to be designed to each particular scale.

This meant, among other things, that once a company had invested in one kind of computer system, the expense involved in changing to another might be prohibitive. It also inhibited direct transmission of data from one system to another - in the rail analogy, passengers would always have to disembark and take a different train at a regional border.
The open systems effort dates from

the late 1970s. It may be a measure of its progress that earlier this year the Department of Trade and Industry still felt it necessary to set up a scheme to help companies get to grips with the standardisation process designed to tackle many of computing's

The explanation for the gentle pace of progress has many strands the shifting definition of open systems. the technical complexity, the motiva-tion of the prime movers, the requirements of computer users, and the contrast between the ideal of open systems and the mundane realities of everyday business operations.

Latterly, the idea has been extended to include the prospect of computer programs running on any kind of computer. Here, the music industry's acceptance of 33 revolutions a minute as a standard speed for LPs provides a comparison.

Computer manufacturers used to set their own speeds, and programs had to be tailored and pressed to suit

With an agreed standard, the degree of choice available to computer users suddenly opens out, and because program suppliers do not have to spread their development effort, the products should be

cheaper.
While the definition of open systems has grown in one respect, in sion is now frequently used to mean



just a single style of computer control an operating system designed to run on many different brands of computer and known as Unix. National governments and the EC

have championed the use of Unix and the adoption of open systems. The research company Frost & Sullivan expects Unix sales in Europe to reach more than £6 billion this year and by 1996 expects the figure to double. Manufacturers and government are the sectors showing most

However, a survey of information technology managers by CSC Index while this was good news for breadth of choice in hardware and earlier this year showed that the customers, the fact that so many other programs is restricted by different

recession has meant that with computing budgets under pressure, strategic objectives such as introducing open systems are taking second place to the routine operational aspects of

computing and how to cut costs. The idea of open systems also applies to personal computers. Because IBM's initial personal computer was an open system - in the sense that the technical details were available to other suppliers to work with - it has become accepted that one brand of personal computer will work in the same fashion as others.

companies copied the IBM format robbed IBM of much of its influence. The open systems movement set out intending that something similar would happen in the field of larger computers, but it has had only mixed

The promised benefits of open systems are a greater choice of computers, lower costs and a general-Iv easier life. There can be drawbacks.

Open systems can be expensive in terms of the cost of specialist staff to implement and run them, while the suppliers' interpretations of the standards. Thus, it may still be more prudent

for users to confine their orders to one

or two reputable suppliers, which ould defeat the object. Part of the problem, to paraphrase Lord Callaghan's observation about truth and lies, is that an independent computer maker can have its goods

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## Wider choice for lower cost

Some companies have found that

proprietary operating systems are far too restrictive and expensive

of open systems, proponents argue, is that they lead to considerable savings in costs.

Open systems machines of ten run under an operating system known as Unix, which is supposed to be able to run : on all kinds of different makes of hardware.

This frees the customer from the constraints and financial burden of baving to run a manufacturer's proprietary operating system, for which they can be charged a licence fee and from which it is difficult to move programs to rewriting of software.

Many compames have moved suc-cessfully from proprietary systems to Unix-based machines, and can demonstrate the savings they Dillons the bookseller, for example, has been expanding its business outlets both by acquisition and by opening new shops. The

company has

111 stores in

Britain and

last year ac-

Bob Martin: saved

quired its ri-Hatchards. Bob Martin, Dillons' information systems manager, is in no doubt that moving to open systems has saved the company money. although he feels that it is too early to quantify the amount. Dillons used to run its stock

control and customer service enquiry service on a propri-entry minicomputer from ICL, but last year made the move to a open Unix-based system, also from ICL. The machines are installed in 12 sites in the UK and Mr Martin cites costsavings in two main areas hardware and software main-

tenance and support. The ability of Unix to run across a range of machines customers a wider choice of hardware which means that to . win an order a company must keep its prices to an absolute

ne of the advantages "With the old minicomputer we were also paying a premium for the support and main-tenance of software because it is a proprietary system. The major savings have been in the cost of software licences for the proprietary system and in support," he says.

The change to a Unix-based systems brought other benefits, Mr Martin says. "We were rather restricted in terms of staff because the old minicon-

puter was a dying box." But the growth of Unix has meant that there is now a pool of staff skilled in both the operating system and the commercial world: And while moving any pro-

> to another requires rewriting some of the code, Mr Martin lieves that it is consideraply casier with Unix, "It makes the task of changing systems easier, he says, "because moving from one version of Unix to another is a lot easier than moving from an ICL proprietary operating system

one machine

continue to question the economic viability of open sys-tems. Carl Chilley was formerly an official with an open systems standard group. X Open, and is now a consultant with software house

People were told that they could go open systems and choose and mix systems from different suppliers. But when things go wrong whom do you blame?" he asks. He also points out that many of the newer, more powerful open systems machines coming on to the market are not much cheaper than the old proprietary systems. Open systems companies, but should not be seen as a universal and instant

SEAN HALLAHAN

#### Looking for the knockout system?

So, you have decided to cut your computing budget. You are going to rebuild your computer systems so that information becomes that "vital business resource" which everyone

says it should be.
You know you need open
systems, based on agreed standards, to bring together all the components you need. And that is when you face the awful question — just which open system do you want? It turns out that there is

not a single set of standards, but a whole range. The industry joke is that the wonderful thing about standards, is that there are so many to choose from. For customers, however, it is no joke. An incorrect decision can trap them in an expensive dead end.

Typically, the conflict is between an "official" standard laid down by the standards bodies, and an "industry" standard that may have emerged from a single vendor and been copied by others or a group of users.

In communications, for example, while the standards for open systems interconnection (OSI)

have been developed by international standards bodies, the rival Internet standards were developed on academic research networks. And while the industry has been struggling to establish a single version of the Unix operating system, the giant software company Microsoft is preparing what will be a new competitor - the NT operating system.

There may be no knockout punch. "I think one just has to face the fact that open systems will be a combination of de facto or industry standards as well as de jure or official standards," Roger Toms, of Surrey County Council, says. "It is far too expensive to throw away the investment you have already

Guiding rules taking too long to set up

In communications, that is certainly the case. The OSI standards have been in development since the late 1970s and are part of many governments' purchasing policies. Directives in the United States and Europe insist that public sector computer systems use these offi-cial standards where appro-priate, and the bigger

There is no single set of standards, but a whole range which compete with each other

network suppliers support And yet more than a

million computers are linked to the worldwide Internet - a loose-knit collection of academic and business networks which developed its own standards, with US government support, before OSI was available. The standards have become very popular both for personal computer networks and Unix machines, with the basic capabilities of Internet

honed by extensive use. Any set of communications standards must include portfolio of protocols to handle different jobs, from electronic mail to file transfer. The OSI protocols are usually seen as more capable, but the Internet alternatives have two important advantages - they are available, and they work. When OSI products are available as an alternative, they are more expensive.

"It is taking OSI a lot longer than anyone thought to move to the forefront," says Dick Boyle, of the Gartner Group, the market research company which ex-pects it to be at least a couple of years before users leave Internet standards in large

The coming battle be-tween Unix and Microsoft's NT is as yer a phoney war, because NT is not yet available. The development of Unix was, until recently, the scene of unseemly squabbles between suppliers over which version of Unix should be the "standard". Now most suppliers have reached agreement, only to find that Unix is

about face its biggest challenge. Although Unix has had some success with larger computer systems, it has failed to make inroads into the PC market for business people. When Microsoft be-

gins delivering its NT operating system next year, it will have a big advantage - it has millions of potential users who are using PCs running other

Microsoft products. NT will be presented as an upgrade for the popular picture-based Windows product. Software developers believe it will happen. Five thousand of them attended a conference in San Francisco earlier this year, and the influential Byre computer magazine headed its report on NT "Is Unix dead?"

The answer is no, but Unix is likely to be relegated only to larger computer systems dream of open systems that cover the smallest to largest computers is likely to remain just that - a dream.

PETER JUDGE

## Here's one we wrote earlier

aunton Cider's presses can handle many different kinds of apple in drink. Awkwardly, its computer is much more choosy.

When the company acquired a mainframe computer in the mid-1980s, it planned to buy most of the programs it needed off the shelf, and devclop a few specialised applica-

But the strategy proved a disappointment. Alan Smith, head of the company's IT. says: "We found the proprietary mainframe greatly re-stricted our choice of applications packages, while program development tools failed to boost software production as much as we had

Instead of being able to buy four-fifths of the programs needed, Taunton Cider found itself employing contract pro-grammers to help write more than half the applications.

The company was deter-mined not to make the same mistake again when it began to look for a new computer system to support growth plans after a stock-exchange flotation in July this year.

Open systems seemed the ideal solution thanks to the wealth of programs available. Moreover, experience with personal computers had taught the company how to play hardware suppliers off against each other.
We could drive down costs

by choosing an application first then going to different hardware manufacturer to see if they could offer something that would run it faster at the right price." Mr Smith says.

Taunton Cider is not the only organisation to have spotted the benefits of open systems. From government departments and multinational corporations to small businesses and educational institutions, some computer users are forcing the pace by insisting that suppliers conform to open

Most users now have far more investment tied up in their software than the cost of Being able to run software on new and faster hardware



Branching out: Alan Smith was disappointed with his firm's mainframe computer

the computers themselves. Software therefore has to last much longer than the machines on which it is initially designed to run - which makes open systems very attractive, thanks to their promise that the same programs will work on new and faster

Standardisation can also protects users' skills, with staff no longer needing to learn a fresh set of commands and controls for new software with each new machine. But computer users are proceeding carefully. "Open systems are not something we want to jump into." Mr Smith says. So far he has applied the tech-nology only to sales informa-tion, a non-critical area of the business.

The main problems have been in linking the new open computer systems to the company's existing 150 PCs.

"The link from PCs to open

systems is not a near bridge."
Mr Smith says. "The software
to get the two working together is only just emerging and this is the area where open systems are falling down at the moment."

Getting to grips with the complexity of the "open" operating system used by Unix has also proved time-consuming. "When you load software on to a PC, it tends to configure itself automatically to whatever hardware you are using. But because Unix is so flexible, you have many more options. Setting these up can be very time-

Another problem for users is knowing where to turn when

things go wrong.
"With proprietary systems you can point the finger at whoever is responsible. But with open systems, the hard-ware supplier might blame the

Unix software, or the Unix vendor might say a fault lies with the application software. The problem is that there are not yet enough standards in

place," Mr Smith says. Ensuring that the systems work together is the big opportunity for hardware suppliers, says Jean-Claude Monney, European director for open systems marketing at Digital Equipment (DEC). Many manufacturers are worned that standardisation will lead to a price war, with little to distinguish their machines from those of their rivals.

Mr Monney says the suppliers need to become electronic architects, skilled at interconnecting equipment from a range of manufacturers. bought. What the users really want is somebody to take responsibility for making the whole system work."

The problem is not just one of getting different brands of computers to talk to each other, but of persuading the applications software to com-Take a company that has

developed personnel software on IBM and a payroll on Hewlett-Packard. With an open system, both applications should be able to exchange

"People are becoming locked into applications just as they were locked into proprietary systems," Mr Monney says. The answer is "middleware" - software which bridges the gap and brings consistency to the user. Indus-try experts believe this will be one of the industry's biggest battlefields in the 1990s.

uropeans have been quick to grasp the importance of open systems. They have grown up with different currencies, languages and the fact that your hairdryer plug does not work in other countries. The US is much less sensitive to the benefits of standards," Mr

Monney says.
In a recession, another potential advantage of open sys-tems is the ability to cost-justify individual applications more accurately. By dividing functions between separate boxes Mr Smith expects to be able to measure more easily which programs are of greatest bene-

fit to the business. And unlike mainframes, a network of distributed open systems can avoid applications slowing each other down. In the past Taumton Cider, for example, has found that a big run on financial reports can seriously hamper the computer's response time for a totally unrelated activity such as

"We don't want to be committed to open systems until they've proved they have worked. But we've had 90 per cent success so far and do not seem to be hitting any brick

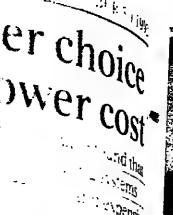
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## Catering to local needs

Northumberland, is called the Border River. Its logo is a falcon. The area is renowned for its birds of prey and spirit of enterprise.

The store stands on the historic site of the bande of Onerburn. "The shop was run down when my husband, John, and I took it on two years ago," said Pam Peart, the proprietor. "We had lived in Onerburn for eight years and knew the community well. We also knew that a local shop was needed and the supermarkets and shopping cen-tres in nearby market towns could not fill this need."

The Pearts raised the mortgage on their house and paid £90,000 for the shop and goodwill. Mrs Peart had worked at County Hall and explored every avenue in local government for grants and other help when they started. The Rural Development Commission (RDC) gave invaluable advice.

"They advised me to apply for a job working in the existing shop before we committed ourselves." she said. "It was such simple advice but I hadn't thought of it. It gave me an insight and a feel for the business which I couldn't have got any other way."

She went on an RDC course to

study marketing skills in small shop businesses. Otterburn is on the main highway over the Borders into Scotland and Mrs Peart felt a coffee shop and home baking would do well.

She said: "We had to expand and

introduce new lines and services to survive." RDC gave them access to

THE village shop in Otterburn, their building inspectors and accountants. There were two rooms in a redundant adjacent building that could be converted and a 25 per cent grant was made to develop the kitchens.

However, conversion costs were so great the Pearts could not afford their 75 per cent of the £48,000 needed and they had already borrowed as much as they could afford. So they tackled the work themselves, making small initial alterations to see if there was demand for each service planned. The small restaurant is now so busy that a larger dining area and new kitchens are under construction.

In 1961, England had 147,000 village shops. Now the RDC reckons there are barely 40,000, with hundreds of closures every month. "I knew that we had to provide a wide variety of services to survive." said Mrs Peart. "We now have a video hire service, newspapers, a drinks licence, flowers, a craft shop and the National Park gives us £200 annually to host an Information Centre for tourists.

"We have to cater for customers who may want three eggs rather than a dozen, a farmer who wants paraffin and an old lady who only wants a cup of flour." The Pearts have charted sales

peaks and troughs over the past two years and the general trend is now rising. Mrs Peart makes notes on lines that sell well and they are open every day all year, usually until 7.30pm to catch the workers going home. Ten staff are em-



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☐ Economic difficulties have produced a new breed of small business owners who are wary of recession, are more professional and have more capital backing, according to a survey by National Westminster Bank. Businesses set up over the past four years would rather use savings than borrow for expansion, although only 2 per cent said recssion had made it more difficult to get a loan.

Owner-managed businesses are being offered a free review of their options by Grant Thornton, the accountant. It will suggest ideas such as changing pricing or making an acquisition, Contact: Scott McClure 0800 585062.

☐ Whithread, the brewer, is helping redundant managers to become self-employed through Selfstart, a series of one-day seminars created by David J. Peek Associates, management and training consultants. It also has the support of Royal Life and Prontaprint. The next seminar will be at Gatwick on November 3 and a further 20 are planned in the first three months of next year. Details: Nickie Wright 0892 522955.

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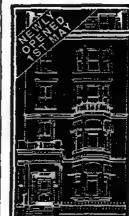
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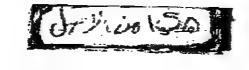
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Applications for the statement of requirements in received by 11am, Monday 16 November 1992.





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The Wooster Group put Chekhov through the mangle in Glasgow, with

engrossing results

DANCE page 39

Choreographer Jonathan Burrows is determined to rewrite

the ballet rulebook



VISUAL ART: Richard Cork considers the significance of the £20,000 Turner Prize, and surveys this year's shortlist

esurrected last year after a hiatus, Britain's most talked-about and richly-endowed award for the visual arts has now come round again. Armed for the second time with £20,000 from Channel 4. the Turner Prize can buy its recipient a welcome amount of studio rent and artist's materials.

Now that the market for art has suffered such a slump, the cash benefit should certainly not be scoffed at. Nor should the exposure conferred by next Tuesday's Channel 4 film on the four shortlisted artists - as well as the Tate

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On prize-winning form

Gallery's exhibition of their work, opening the following day.

But what does the bestowal of the Turner Prize actually mean, in terms of prestige and substantial achievement properly acknowledged? The answer, I am afraid, has been desperately confused since the award began in 1984.

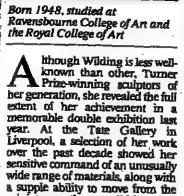
At the outset, it was intended to hail "the greatest contribution to art in Britain". But after Malcolm Morley astonished everyone by landing the first Turner Prize, a failure of nerve began to assail the organisers. The definition was modified, so that it now referred merely to "an outstanding contribution", as if to account for the awkward fact that neither of our two finest artists Francis Bacon and Henry Moore —

ever won the award.
In 1991 a dramatic attempt was made to shift the goal-posts yet again. Artists over the age of 50 were ruled out altogether, and three young contenders

who had only recently left college were shortlisted. They made the fourth, Anish Kapoor, look absurdly old at the age of 37. I was relieved when Kapoor won, for the Turner Prize was in danger of deteriorating into a wunderkind ghetto. This year's jurors, however. appear to have recognised the problem.

Apart from including the enfant ter-rible Damien Hirst, who is only 27, they have opted for rather more mature individuals. And my own hope is that Alison Wilding, a distinguished but long-undervalued 44-year-old, will carry off the honours on November 24.

 Work by the four artists on this year's Turner Prize shortlist can be seen in an exhibition at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 7128), from next Wednesday until November 29. Admission is free

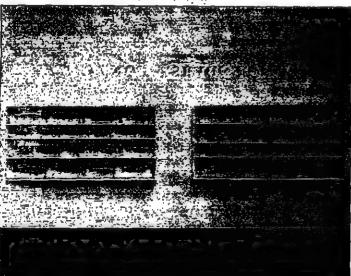


miniature to the monolithic. In Scree, Wilding restricts berself to a small copper vessel hung on the wall. The blue and grey pigment heaped inside threatens to spill out, giving the work a sense of tension and danger which also enlivens her

larger work.
Wilding's art is riddled with dualities. At first glance serene and ordered, her work turns out to hinge on conflict. Nowhere more arrestingly than in Assembly, an outstanding part of her other 1991 show at the Henry Moore Sculpture Trust Studio in Halifax. Reexhibited now at the Turner Prize exhibition, it contrasts a dour steel tower with a criss-cross structure of glowing amber-coloured PVC slats. The confrontation between solidity and transparency, darkness and light is staged with great intensity, and Wilding leaves the outcome



An unresolved confrontation between solidity and transparency: Alison Wilding's Assembly, 1991, contrasts a dour steel tower with a criss-cross structure of glowing amber-coloured PVC slats



Damien Hirst: I Want You Because I Can't Have You, 1992

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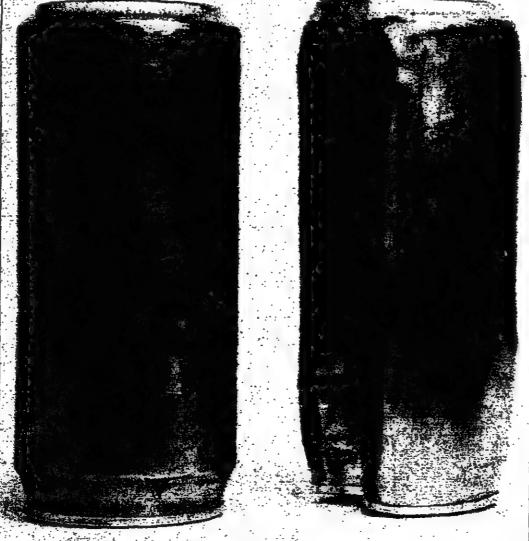
Born 1965, studied at Leeds School of Art and Goldsmith's College

A lthough Hirst claims that "I don't believe I'm going to die", his work is obsessed with mortality. For a young man who only graduated from college in 1989, such a preoccupation may seem surprising. But Hirst's fascination with transience is countered by a wry sense of humour. And he makes sure than his observations on the remorseless cycle of life are presented with a tough-minded rigour which prevents them from

sliding into self-indulgence. Hirst's humour is most tellingly deployed in his titles. When he exhibited a wall-full of dead fish, each one isolated from its neighbours inside a box of formaldehyde. Hirst called the work Isolated

Elements Swimming in the Same Direction for the Purpose of Under-standing. And one of his exhibits at the Tale, where a group of fish hopelessly pursues another, is enti-tled I Want You Because I Can't

As the words imply, Hirst is fascinated by the parallels between the fish's futile dilemma and human behaviour. He comes close to autobiographical concerns in The Acquired Inability to Escape, an immense double cube sculpture in glass and steel where the parapher-nalia of a cigarette addict is laid out on a bleak office table. Drugs and pills make frequent appearances in his art, often displayed on glass shelves like the contents of a medicine cabinet. But his fish pieces remain his best-known works, most notoriously a 14-foot tiger shark suspended in a tank with the title *The Physical Impossi*bility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living.



Objects that hover between function and abstraction: maquette of Grenville Davey's Hal. 1992.

Season of northern delights

## Born 1961, studied at Exeter College of Art and Goldsmith's avey exhibits at London's

ready boasts three Turner Prize-winners: Richard Deacon (1987), Tony Cragg (1988) and Anish Kapoor (1991). Like them, Davey is a sculptor, and it might be tempting to regard him as a member of the same "school". But Davey is his own man, a cool and refined individual who operates on the borderline between functional objects and abstract forms with an independent life.

GRENVILLE DAVEY

At times, his sculpture bears a tantalising resemblance to wingmirrors, teeth or saucepan lids. But it has no real function. Instead, it inhabits a quirky, teasing position. Even as Davey refers to the world of everyday appearances, he reserves the right to explore a more mysteri-

His forms never become rarefied. Davey ensures that, however exquisite they may seem, these severely simplified objects are not cut off from late 20th-century industrialised reality. As a result, they have an enigmatic presence. While Davey's sculpture invites us to identify its starting-point in the observable world, he always keeps the viewer guessing.



David Tremlett: detail of Work in 15 parts (from 15 years), 1990

#### DAVID TREMLETT

Born 1945, studied at Falmouth School of Art. Birmingham College of Art and the Royal College of Art

The most clusive of the artists on the shortlist, Tremlett has spent much time travelling since he graduated in 1969. But he should not be confused with Richard Long, who is the same age and also centres his work on extended journeys. Unlike Long. Tremlett concentrates on buildings and the spaces they contain. Sometimes, cheap hotels and

bars attract Tremlett's attention. More recently, ruined buildings have dominated his interest, and in the Tate show he bases a large walldrawing on a cluster of derelict coastal villas he discovered two years ago in Tanzania.

The drawings Tremlett executes in the buildings themselves are left behind to deteriorate. As for the drawings be makes in galleries, they are covered over once the exhibition ends. Their ephemerality is reinforced by the medium: pastel. So the true permanence of Tremlett's work lies in the governing idea, a priority which proves that he retains links with the Conceptual Art of his youth.

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 BILL JACKLIN: If attaining the age of 50 is the qualification for a mid-life retrospective, Jacklin has just barely arrived in the right class. The retrospective will open in Oxford on Sunday, but meanwhile there are two interconnected shows in London of his most recent work. Swhich finds him applying his strong sense of pattern (consistent from his Minimalist beginnings) to the beach life of Coney Island. Prints and paintings, sometimes sunny, sometimes menacing.

Mariborough Fine Art/-Mariborough Graphics, 6 Albemarie Street, W1 (071-629 5161) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat

• KLAUS FRIEDEBERGER: The chequered career of a refugee from Hitler has somewhat obscured Friedeberger's develop-ment, including as it did periods as an internee in England and Australia after teenaged years spent in lolland. However, since his return to London in 1950 he has worked steadily towards his own highly individual style of almost mono-

chromatic abstraction. This retrospective, 1942-92, marking his seventieth birthday, enables us to see how he got there, by way of a Forty ish neo-Romanticism and a very sensitive feeling for colour carried over into his current palette

of black, white and grey. Woodlands Art Gallery, 90 Mycenae Road, Blackheath, SE3 (081-858 5847) Mon-Tues, Thurs-Sat 1 lam-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until Nov-

 DAVID ROBILLIARD: A poetpainter who died of Aids in 1988, at the age of 36, Robilliard slightly resembles American graffiti artists, with his primitive-looking designs and bold use of daubed inscriptions. No doubt his fate has attracted more attention than might otherwise have been his, but this show indicates a genuine

Foyer Galleries, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (07)-928 3002) daily 10am-10pm, until November 29.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

#### **ARTS** BRIEFING

its release. Tickets for the Albert Hall shows go on sale today. The success of *Tubular Bells II* 

suggests that rock could shortly be gripped by the kind of "sequel fever" that has bedevilled the film

low-up to his 1978 classic War Of

The Worlds, is already at hand,

and this week Neil Young releases

Harvest Moon, described by his

record company as a "natural

unfolds next month at the Barbican Cinema in London. Sven Nykvist's visually exquisite directing debut The Ox opens proceedings on November 11; but the season stretches back to Victor Sjöström's the work at the Albert Hall (071stark 1916 film of Ibsen's poem 589 8212) from April 5-8, 1993. The album, which was premiered Terje Vigen. Twenty-five Bergman last month at a televised perfor-mance at Edinburgh Castle (a video is now available), has already sold a million copies and remains films are revived; there is also new work by Aki Kāurismaki, and Liv Ulimann's directing debut, Sofie.
No film event is ever complete in the UK Top 10 two mouths after

without something ridiculous, so here it is: Abba: The Movie, made in 1977, long before its director, Lasse Hallström, became the respeciable creator of My Life As a Dog. "Scandinavian Cinema 1916-1992", part of the Barbican Centre's "Tender is the North" series, runs until December 13 (071-638 8891).

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Mike Oldfield will be performing

1972 album Harvest. And then there is always the prospect of a Meathoaf sequel to look forward to: plans have been announced for a follow-up to Meatloaf's 1978 epic Bat Out Of Hell. The pro-posed new title? Back Into Hell.

Last chance . . .

ANYONE seeking a pithy description of the Texas-born blues pianist Katie Webster need only glance at the titles of two of her previous albums: Swamp Boogie Queen and Two Fisted Mama. Her most recent recording, No Foolin! (re-leased, like the others, on the Alligator label), continued the win-ning formula of earthy boogie-woogie and playful vocals. A larger than life performer, Webster plays the two last dates of her British tour at The Concorde Club, Brighton (0273 606460) tonight and The King's Hotel, Newport (0633

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OTELLO: Another welcome outing for one of the Royal Opera House bankers. Elijah Mostinisky sombre and reliable production. Sir Georg Solli in the pit, Kin Te Kanawa as Desdemona, Sergel Leddrin et al. Te Kanawa as Desdemona, Sergal Leterius as lego, and Placeto Domingo repeating his definitive account of the Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, WG2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonghi,

MANHATTAN TRANSPER: An acoustic concert by the American vocal group with music from the Theres to the Ninelles, the big band, the bebop, latin, fusion jazz and rock-faced pop. Feetival Halfs, South Bank, 351 (071-08-880f) bands; 7. 304 928 88001, tanight, 7 30pm.

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WHY THINGS HAPPEN: The multi-medie theatre company, Second Stride, confinue is nationaled four with a new production based on a script by Merty Cruickshank. The work is about the break-up of a relationship, the deconstruction of Bach's Soneta No 1 ICA, The Mail, 5W1 (071-930 3647).

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2.30pm, 120mins.

lense production of Lores's less play. Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0708) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, met Set.

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[] JUNE MOON: Naive songwriter conquers fin Pern Alley Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kaufman. Excellent cast led by Adem Gouley and Frank Lazaus.

Vaudeville Theestre, The Strand, WC2 (071-838 9987). Previews, tonght, torsonow, Mon-Tues, 7 45pm, Opens Wed, 7pm, Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, Set mat, 3pm 180mins.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Aleion

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cover three areas of compostion: piano

edeptations; and chamber music. In the first concert Peter Donohoe on pieno.

Floringia Hunt. violin, Karine Georgian, cello, and Roger Vignoles, plano, perform Grahms's Scherzo in E flat

mmor, Ballades, Plano Sonata No 1 in C, and Plano Trio vi 8. Queen Efizabeth Halil, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tonigra, 7.30pm.

Other concerts in the series on Nov 3.

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and Steven Issen's play music by Bach. Botherini and the Beatles plus Thimos

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FRINGE THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale and Jeremy Kingston, amused but not moved

## Take a walk on the mild side

A Little Older Hampstead

THE programme tells us that John Binnie, the author of this dramatic twiglet, is off to America to direct some of his other work. If A Little Older is at all representative of what he plans to offer, he should go down well

The play may come from Glasgow via this year's Edinburgh fringe, but it might almost have been designed for the transatiantic audience by a conclave of off-Broadway producers and managers of regional reps. A bashful homosexual for a hero, a heroine barding against disability, hints of psychological problems in childhood, a sweetly sour tone, wry jokes: what more

Well, sweetly sour plays, like sweetand sour dishes, may taste nice at the time, but they tend not to slake the profounder hungers. Binnie is a deft. armusing writer, but, like many of his American cousins, he does not make ereat demands on the stomach, the brain, or most other parts of the anatorny. Do not sample A Little Older if you are looking for weight rather than winsomeness, for it will fly off the fork while you are looking the other way.

For a time, there is a promise of hard-headedness, maybe even toughmindedness on Binnie's part. Isla has barely survived a car crash that sent her.

A DECONSTRUCTED Three Sisters

is how Kenneth Rea. in these pages last Monday, described the Wooster

Group's latest production, and he made it sound a most peculiar event,

mixing dialogue with narration, play-

ing Japanese films on video screens

while characters are speaking, and

never letting any character speak

directly to another. What would be left

of Chekhov after pushing him through

Moscow Arts Theatre this is not.

None of the officers wears an army uniform, though Vershinin has a row

of medals pinned to his samurai tweeds. Chekhov intended Irina, the

youngest sister, to be dressed in white,

and while a pale cloth does hang down

from her waist the whitest part of her is

the frizzy hair surrounding Beatrice Roth's middle-aged face. When she

such a mangle?



Priends: Isla (Mari Binnie) and (Sandy) Stephen Docherty

through the windscreen. First she cannot move, then she can raise a hand but not speak, then she can croak out a word or two but not recognise her oldest friend, then she knows who he is but cannot remember anything they have done together. Bit by bit she is . guided uphill by Sandy, whom she has known since primary school, until

childhood memories are fizzing out of her like bubbles from a cola bottle. She has still to recall the name of her last lover, but clearly that will come.

The author's sister, Mari Binnie, does all that baffled features and sturred speech can do to suggest strain and struggle, but after the first few minutes the script provides her with no

setback or special danger to strain and struggle against. Her recovery is dauntingly smooth. As a result, the tension stackens and John Binnie is forced to try to sustain dramatic interest in other ways. Much of what is, at 80 minutes, already a pretty short two-hander is spent revisiting the happy mutual memories that Sandy keeps well-meaningly enjoining on Isia

These mostly show her to be the kind of funky livewire Americans in particu- 9 lar seem to find irresistible. Although (or because) she is a a minister's daughter, she flounces and bounces about the school corridors, getting Stephen Docherty's shy Sandy into trouble.

She flamboyantly leaps about at a disco while he nervously wiggles. She proceeds variously to present him with stolen chocs, porn mags, reports on her racy sex life, and human understanding. She twigs his homosexuality - not very difficult when his author is forcing him to say things such as (of her new car) "ooh, what a beautiful shade!" and helps him acknowledge it.

Along the way we learn that one of their mothers was a drunk and the other died young: but such details add more decoration than depth. Some plays churn your and their characters' insides. This one lightly ruffles the

### Profitable piece-work

says in the third act: "I am almost 74," you half believe her. What do these moderately familiar with the play. Elizabeth LeCompte's production, sponsored by Oranjeboom, proves astoundingly entertaining. The se-

quence of main events proceeds in the proper order, except when actors enter too early and are told to leave by the Narrator (Kate Valk), belatedly regis-tering what's going wrong. Such "mistakes" are least interesting when purporting to show unreadiness. Thus Anna Köhler's very French Natasha has to be prompted through her vicious

Brace Up! fire by the Chebu-Tramway, Glasgow tykin of Paul Schmidt Yet even

joits achieve? Well, to anyone even. here the mild irritation this device provokes is countered by its intriguing staging. The actors are both of stage and their faces shown on two video screens in close-up. As LeCompte has said, "close-ups are part of our vocabulary", so thus she contrives them.

A more interesting effect of this seeming awkwardness is the sense it gives of the playness of a play. Deconstructionists have terms for all this but what the Manhattan-based actors of the Wooster Group display, in numerous ways, are the contrivances of

a drama. Speeches are gabbled, delivered as answers into a mike held by the always-present Narrator. The crucial figure of Solyony never appears: most of his lines are replaced by roars from a dinosam on the screens.

Much can be said against this approach. For instance, Chekhov's point about Natasha's French is that it sounds arrocious. More seriously, his words are not generally permitted to do what they are so capable of doing, create and impart emotion.

Yet as a one-off production of a classic, the evening is engrossing. Confidently staged within its metal skeleton of a cube, this dissection of Chekhov's play becomes, part oriental, thoroughly disorienting, a model of the

ROCK: a British soul singer too laid-back for his own good, and a gifted American jazzman marking time

### Shuffling rather than playing their strong cards

IN WHAT is becoming an oddly familiar scenario, a new wave of British soul singers is offering a young, credible alternative to the over-stylised dominance of the Americans. But whatever happened to the last "new wave" of British soul? Artists such as Paul Johnson, Mica Paris and Jaki Graham seem to have disappeared.

home-grown soul scene revolves around acts the likes of Ephraim Lewis, Galliano, Don-E and Omar. Of these the classically-trained Londoner Omar has the most experience. A multi-instrumentalist, he recently released his second album, Music.

While there were no doubts about his ability, nor the sophisticated deportment of his eight-piece backing band. Omar's live show left a question mark over the quality of his material.

A young, good-looking chap, his style and demeanour could not have been further removed from the besuited American soul man model. Dressed casually, he made no Lenny Henry-style overtures to all the ladies in the house. Instead, the show unfolded with a minimum of fuss. Omar floated easily about the stage, singing in his attractive, supple tenor and pausing every so often to play brief, stabbing

Omar Town & Country

turntable scratching, but nothing was allowed to distract from or disturb the languid, jazzy grooves of the songs; not even, it sometimes seemed, a decent

For although Omar demonstrated an impressive technique, especially on the slinky ballad "Tomorrow" where his voice leapt through the hoops of some especially daunting jazz harmon-ic intervals, his songs were too ill-defined to hold the attention. Even the summery tones of his biggest hit.
"There's Nothing Like This", drifted off into a reverie that did little to counter some of the noisier conversations at the bar.

There were moments when the pulse quickened. A well-organised percussion and drain-kit duel was followed by the sprightly funk of "Don't Sell Yourself Short", featuring an attractive vocal duet between Omar and Vanessa Simon. But even when the party spirit of "Your Loss, My Gain" was invoked. the mood remained unfailingly polite and self-contained. Perhaps soul music and the cool sense of British reserve are destined never to mix.

DAVID SINCLAIR | should not be allowed to prevent her

GEORGE Benson is hardly the first jazz artist to have paid with his critical reputation for the privilege of conquerying the mainstream, but who else has seen his or her star rise in such artistic credibility?

audience of hard-core aficionados esger to witness his stunning guitar. technique. Thanks to a brief tenure as hero of Britain's once-active jazz-funk scene, his image is so closely associated with a stereotypical, time-warped world of lager and loafers that one half expected him to take the Wembley stage in a white Ford Escort XR3i. Sensibly. Benson option instead for

the ploy of sending vocalist Patti Austin out as a apphisicated warm-up act. A thrilling singer and witty stage presence, she provided an accurate précis of the tone of the evening ahead with the lightly jazzy "Razzamataz", her showcase vehicle from Quincy Jones's 1981 LP The Dude, and her virtuoso vocal display on "All' of My Life", a ballad from the distinctly upmarket collaborative team of Dave Grusin and Alan and Marilyn Bergman. Better still for Benson, she whipped a somewhat less than capacity crowd into a frenzy of anticipation for the headlining act, a talent which

George Benson Wembley Arena

obviously inverse proportion to their from being coaxed back to Britain for performances in her own right. Once, a Benson gig would have His audience thus primed, the star taken place in a small club, before an himself began promisingly enough, His audience thus primed, the star stage patter on hold and guitar to the fore for the first three numbers culminating in an inspired partmusical, part-vocal version of Lennon and McCarmey's "Here, There and Everywhere". Then, inevitably, the hits set in, from the proficient pop-funk of Turn Your Love Around" and, later, Gimme the Night", to the gutinousballadry of "Nothing's Gonna Change" My Love for You", "In Your Eyes" and Keep Your Dreams Alive", a duet

with Austin that is his current single. Technically, each was faultiess — Benson is a warm and genuinely expressive singer with an underlying hint of Nat King Cole, but although a crowd-pleasing set list may make good commercial-sense in recessive times, the hints of latent magic offered by his guitar work on "Love Ballad" or Breezin' made one wish for a performance in which he did all that he is capable of, not just all he feels is expected of him.

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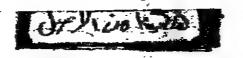
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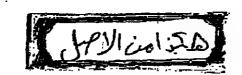
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THEATRE: Harold Pinter is acting in his play No Man's Land. Matt Wolf meets the director

## Put the playwright in his place

inter acting Pinter is the obvious selling point of the Almeida Theatre's new production of No Man's Land. but something equally significant is happening offstage as well: the author's continuing collaboration with a young director, 34-year-old David Leveaux, who looks set to redefine this dramatist for the Nineties no less markedly than Peter Hall

did for the Sixties and Seventies.

Leveaux made a dazzling Pinter debut at the same theatre last year, asserting the painful emotional weight of *Betrayal* against those detractors who thought the three-hander slightly trivial. Instead the

'This is a a prism for all humanist play, manner of reflections on language, feeling and the not some cold lies between them. philosophical exercise' beset No Man's

thing, Pinter's 1975 play is considered famously impenetrable - but Leveaux again is quick to identify the passion in a dramatist known for cerebration. To be sure. Spooner's final remarks speak of an "icy and silent" land-scape, but Leveaux insists upon an authorial terrain that is anything but.

The play appears to engage in a process towards death of a kind, towards a point of no movement, non-drama. But its momentum lies in a character, Hirst, fighting for his life. He's a man whose skill, whose craft, whose ability to create fantasy, is unleashed briefly in the last moment before he dies. That's what

makes the play energetic."
Two theatrical knights, Gielgud and Richardson, played Spooner and Hirst in the National Theatre premiere in what was to be a final collaboration in a celebrated acting life together. This time, the duo consists of Paul Eddington and Pinter himself, the latter speaking his own lines for the first time anywhere since a 1985 Los Angeles Old Times

— and the first time in Britain since the 1969 Watford Homecoming. While some might balk at explicat-ing the architecture of a play to its master builder, Leveaux remains undaunted: "Harold's very openhanded. Once you're directing one of his plays, that's it. He's not at all

Besides, the director argues, the casting should dispel the formidable shadows cast by the roles' originators. "Harold participating helps — not as a gimmick but as a charismatic preserve. And because the election presence. And because the play is about a writer or poet seeming gradually to be defeated or exhausted. there's an authentic resonance from

Harold playing his own play." Leveaux, who grew up in Derby one of the four er and a doctor, has little time for notions of Pinteras-enigma. "Har-old hasn't set a have to read Witt-

it. There are moments in No Man's Land resonant of The Cherry Orchard, Coward and Priestley, he belongs to a tradition, and part of my job is to free those associations. This is a humanist play, it's not some cold philosophical exercise.

Leveaux's approach to Pinter has put the director back in the public eye in a country be has only occasionally worked in since he first made his name, a decade ago, as a Manchester University English graduate, assist-ing Peter Gill and then David othard at west London's Riverside Studios. There, in 1983, Leveaux directed his breakthrough production of Eugene O'Neill's A Moon For the Misbegotten, which travelled to Harvard and to Broadway. The play didn't flourish in New York, but Leveaux's career did. He and his star, Kate Nelligan, had been lauded by the New York Times, and the director found himself with a Tony nomination, a high-powered agent and a bewildering surfeit of attention. Phone calls followed from Britain



David Leveaux he says of Pinter, "Harold's very open-handed. He's not at all interventionist"

but, Leveaux remembers, "not one person offered me a job". So he took an offer from Bertold Brecht's daughter to direct Strindberg's Dance of Death in East Berlin, remaining there for almost two years. Subsequent stints followed off-Broadway with plays by Martin Sherman (Messiah) and Edna O'Brien (Virginas well as an eye-catching National Theatre debut in 1988 directing Strindberg's The Father. The RSC beckoned three years later

with a studio theatre 'Tis Pity She's A Whore, alongside a main stage Romeo and Juliet that drew critical

"I have lived with these messages sent to me: Talented young director: can do Pinter; doesn't have a clue about Shakespeare," says Leveaux. The only thing I can put it down to is that I hadn't come out of anybody's team and if you don't, in England, there's trouble." The scenario suits Leveaux's desire

kyo's Shochiku Theatre. ● No Man's Land is in preview tonight and tomorrow at the Almeida Theatre {071-359 4404}, Islington, London NI and opens there on Monday

"not to be tied contractually to a certain outlit", and allows for maxi-

mum freedom. In December he goes

to Broadway to direct Natasha Rich-

ardson and Liam Neeson in Anna

Christie. Next year he'll spend five

months in Japan where he has forged

a productive relationship with To-

TELEVISION REVIEW

### Plenty of yobs for the boys abroad

here is a view that the English football hooli-gan is not merely a horrible yob prepared, like the worst of his heroes, to kick anything that moves. Instead, we are told that he is part of an organisation, a quasi-military set-up with individuals responsible for planning, weaponry and transport. The theory would be merely amusing. were it not held by the police. Last night's Wake Up England was a film made during

the European Championships in Sweden, the tournament from which England returned having drawn with all the teams except the ones to which they lost. The hoolis did better: played three, won three. In Malmö, Göteborg and Stock-holm, they filled their glasses, emptied them down their throats and chucked them at the populace.

Criminolgists Interviewed last night dispute the police theory, believing that this is just an ad hoc gathering of riffraff. It seems a likelier story, but the more colourful newspapers assist the police view by promulgating conspiracy the-ories under lurid headlines. The police set up "football intelligence" units, perhaps the only context in which the words football and intelligence

could share the same sentence. esting, if necessarily inconclusive. It is to be commended for accepting its own evidence via a late U-turn (so fashionable of late). Much of the time it appeared to be trying to show that hooliganism is caused by bad organisation, brutal policemen, a ludicrous system of distributing tickets, social deprivation: the usual suspects. In the end it gave up. The conclusion, as in the song from West Side Story, was that these guys are depraved on account of they're deprayed. But why the English? The Scots in Sweden had a few

Channel 4

pouring them over anyone's head. It appears that the Scots had taken their sense of humour with them, always handy given the team they follow. They also took their wives, girlfriends and children. For them it was a holiday with a focus. They do not seem to be intrinsically better than the English; indeed one English fan had a passable joke of his own: "England haven't scored and neither have I".

But in general the Scots have what the English lack: a sense of proportion and a desire to get something out by putting something in. For the English, it was an invasion, the occupation of territory held by others. As the tournament ended, there were graphic scenes: the Scots celebrating with their German conquerors, the Eng-

ish sullenly separate, staring. There are other hooligans, notably the Dutch. But the English are the past masters and unfortunately they sail under a flag of convenience, the Union Jack. One of the more bizarre sights last night was a gathering of the mob in the centre of Göteborg, chanting "no surrender to the IRA". A rabble declaiming about a rabble, wearing the national

flag for underpants.
The programme lacked a home base, but perhaps that is another programme. For the English tootball hooligan is at large other than on Saturdays. He barges you off pavements and out of queues. He is ugly and threatening and stupid. He says his behaviour is our fault, but a man who points a finger has three fingers point-ing back at himself. He is to blame: why do we have to pay?

PETER BARNARD bevvies, but refrained from



Burrows: "The relation between movement and music is not as complex and mysterious as is supposed".

#### DANCE: Choreographer Jonathan Burrows interviewed; Stephen Petronio Company and flamenco reviewed

or a man who has given up a safe job as one of the Royal Ballet's best Moving beyond dance soloists to start his own group cheerful. At least he is making John Percival meets an ex-Royal Ballet soloist who is now making works that all the decisions himself for his reject most of the conventions by which dance performances are usually defined new work, Very, which opens at The Place tonight. These include giving up one of the four dancers he had originally time, showing the result only For Very his collaborators

when ready. He took more than two years developing Hymns, ending with a two-part dance for five men, using planned, and one of the two musicians, so that he could afford to allow himself a threea minimum of movement (but not "minimalist") to convey a The Royal Ballet must think him a pretty ungrateful wretch. After all, they spotted disrespectfully observant attitude to certain types of convenhim as a potential choreographer while he was still a In this and two subsequent works for his group, dull morning and Stoics, Burrows student, and gave him his first

revealed a highly original use

it must be strong enough for

that." In Very he let the composer, Matteo Fargion.

conduct some rehearsals and

graduation. But the compa-ny's eagerness to find and develop new creative talent of movement. But he does not have much time for the idea of movement as the over-riding does not always go with underconstituent of a dancework Struggling carefully to define it, he lights on the word standing how to achieve it. Burrows worries about "a mystique that choreographers "picture" to explain the conare special creatures who have cept that he tries to keep in to be born, not made". He was mind. He resists verbal explaplunged into responsibility for nation of the works, but the making ballets without much action has its own logic for the viewer to read. As for the movement, "you have to be time to develop his craft, found it all too much, and clammed able to treat it roughly at times:

up after four years.
The new start, when it came, was on completely different lines, working meticulously with small casts of like-minded fellow dancers in their spare

month rehearsal period.

professional commission in 1980, less than a year after

are two dancers from the Royal Ballet, Lynne Bristow and Deborah Jones, and Fargion, playing and singing on stage, and taking part in the action. They have all worked together before Burrows thought "it would be absurd not to take advantage of the knowledge we have built

up of each other, and how we No surprise that he finds that helpful, considering the

mixture of ferocity, gentleness, anguish, and humour he packs beneath the outward calm of his pieces. But for his next project, he intends to audition dancers in Budapest,

Paris, Brussels and London. He has as iconoclastic an attitude to music as he has to movement. "I discovered that the relation between movement and music was nothing like so complex and mysterious as it is supposed to be. If

you watch a video of a hockey

game, and play music at the same time, eventually they will be playing hockey to music.

People might say that we've had ballet, contemporary, new dance, post-modern, minimalism, performance art, physical theatre - there is nothing left. But only from this point can the real potentials of the form be realised."

He does not see himself putting on his works for other companies, although Sylvie Guillem has asked him to create a piece for her. He does not even want his group to do any of the past works again: "Dance exists only while it is being performed. It should be done at the time, with the people who worked on it, then forgotten. Maybe something can be preserved on video -

Then he has a second thought: "But if that principle had been applied to Les Noces, which I think one of the greatest danceworks produced in this century, I would never have seen it." He smiles, ruefully. Clearly, Burrows is a man brave enough to follow his own path, but reflective enough to change his mind. ● The Jonathan Burrows Group is

at The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387

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## After so long, far from the rite stuff

Stephen Petronio **QEH** 

HOW long can previews last? The new work which Stephen Petronio brought to the Queen Elizabeth Hall this week was given in New York last May. but will not have its official premiere until next April in Amsterdam because the Music Theatre there commis-

Actually the basis of the choreography goes back further in part to a work. Laytest, that Petronio made for the Berlin Ballet: in part to a version of the Rite of Spring on which he and Michael Clark collaborated last year. under the title Wrong Wrong. We have seen, meanwhile,

how Clark eventually got Rite right on his own; Petronio calls his new piece Half Wrong with Laytest, and half wrong might seem an under-estimate. The programme promises live music by Stravinsky, and the score did manage to survive the pummelling inflicted by the rock-style amplification applied to the piano fearsomely pounded on stage by Christopher Swithinbank and Gruffyd Owen.

Half way through, however, the live music gives way to what I must suppose is dead music, by Mitchell Lager: taped noises through which the playing of the planists only slowly and gradually reemerges. There is a salacious and spurious announcement

obscene messages are projected on the backcloth. Petronio has plenty of idiosyncratic movement to go with this. But when his abrupt, disjointed and aggressive choreographic style is applied to Stravinsky, it becomes only fragmentarily relevant to the

about horrors to come, and

Fair enough that he puts the sacrificial victim, a nearly nude woman, at the beginning instead of the end, and that she is soon removed to allow a much more abstract development. But he seems far too often trying to reproduce artificially the genuine shock that surrounded the original

premiere of Rite. Then, unexpeciedly, Petronio runs up the white flag. The dancers lie down and the stage is darkened, with light only on the two planists at the back as they play the music's finale. It reminds us that Stravinsky will still be going strong when all his wrongdoers are forgotten.

**Ballet Teatro** Español Sadler's Wells

OVER the decades flamenco, that most spontaneous and intimate of folk dances, has been transmuted into a theatrical spectacle. Spanish dance connoisseurs complain that it has, as a result, reached an alltime low. But the transformation continues apace, of which Rafael Aguilar's Ballet Teatro Español is the latest example to reach London, where the company is playing at Sadler's Wells Theatre.

Aguilar also trained in classical ballet, but he seems to choose modern dance to extend his Spanish vocabulary. The lunges and deep squats in the programme's first two pieces. El Rango and Bolero, owe a great deal to Graham technique, bringing a little variety to a limited range of

movement El Rango, accompanied by Gregorian chants as well as traditional flamenco guitar and song, begins with a prolonged section of repressed foot percussion that resembles an inscrutable dialogue in JOHN PERCIVAL mother figure (danced by

Manuela Aguilar, the chore ographer's wife) and her five daughters. An evocation of Lorca's play The House of Bernarda Alba, the ending makes little sense when the rebel daughter (Eva Moreno) suddenly dies without apparent cause or obvious per-

Ravel's Bolero sets massed dancers in fetching red and black stamping and clapping round the central bare-torsoc figure of Victor Muro, all inflamed postures, feverish hands and rotating pelvis. Ravel's score always tends to produce that kind of choreography and audiences never fail to respond in an enthusiastic manner.

Bailet Teatro Español looks young and disciplined, able to perform with wonderful unity in the many group passages These also appear in the closing Antologia de Flamen co, a selection of dance and song, glossily presented and choreographed

Spaniards, of course, have the right to alter their own arts. But it seems to be that by emptying flamenco of its impulsiveness they are robbing it of its central spirit, leaving a lifeless shell of rather monotonous movement.

NADINE MEISNER

## Watkins calls for restoration of rugby's structure

avid Watkins is one of the few players to ney from rugby union to rugby league and been a brilliant advocate of both.

This was traditionally a one-way route, littered with the corpses of many Welsh rughy union reputations. There was no way back, no rehabilitation for a union man who had risked even the briefest flirtation with league.

Watkins, though, has managed to return to his first love and immerse himself as team manager of Newport It was there, before leaving for Sal-ford in 1968, that he won his 17 Wales caps.

Watkins's new role could be his biggest trial yet. He is, like many, bemused at the state of the game. He knew rugby union when club and stood. And, in the professional game, he understood what was expected of him. Not so today, when the line between amateurism and professGerald Davies talks to a rugby union team manager with a peculiar perspective on the

problems confronting the game in Wales

ionalism in rugby union is so practice. It is always very sad blurred. There is need, he says, for urgent action.
"I would like all coaches

and team managers in Wales to come together under the jurisdiction of the Welsh Rugby Union," Watkins said, "to discuss openly the future of the game. There are many problems that need to be resolved. It will be too late in a few years' time. The Heineken League is

proving a huge success. But there are losses as well as gains. Beyond the setting up of the league itself, I do not think much thought has been given to what the repercus-sions might be for the game as a whole. There are no stepping-stones for the ambitious player, no club loyalty. There are no strong codes of to say 'in my day', because it means going back 20 or 30 years, and things change in that time. But I have to admit that in my day all those things were in place. The structure was right from top

"I played for the school and youth team, and when I grew up I could play for my village, ther I could join clubs in close proximity, like Ebbw Vale and Abertillery. These are

to bottom.

to play for Wales. "But there was another Today, that progress is not obvious. Expectations, I step. If you played for New-port, Cardiff or Swansea, say, your chance of a Welsh cap nit, are different. But no would increase. When I went proper structure has replaced the old one. Earlier this to play for Newport I noticed season players moved from a first-division club to play for the difference. The difference between playing football in.

playing at Antield.
"When you went to New-

port there was somebody to

meet you, introduce you to

people, an invitation given to

our family, and car-parking

facilities at your disposal. As

a player the kit was already

and some on training nights,

and we travelled in style to

London and stayed in a class

hotel. We were made to feel

good. Nobody was paid. "If I was reimbursed 2/6d

for a 2/4d bus fare from

home, I was expected to give

tuppence change. That was

realism. That's what playing for Newport meant. And if

you played for Newport you were seen to be good enough

somebody in a lower division. That was a backward, not a forward, step. The idea of leagues should be of the best teams in the best divisions. This is not the case.

"Players will now go where it is most bucrative. And it may be more lucrative to stay in a lower division. Where once the door was shut against the small clubs progressing the league has opened it up for them. But some of these clubs naively believe they can buy success. They have to ask themselves how long they can sustain it."

t is hard to imagine Wales sustaining a semiprofessional game on the basis of 48 Heineken League clubs. There are not enough players of a high enough standard. There is not enough money. As there have been in football there will, inevitably, be casualties.

"Ringby union players look on the game as a benevolent society," Watkins says. "They long a coach finds himself involved in a Dutch auction. "The Geoff Cookes and the

Alan Davieses of this world have it easy compared to the club coach. They can have the players they want at international level: It is the only level when the coach can have his finger on the pulse. He can say to a player, if you don't want to do it, don't come. At club level, if a coach does not give a player what he wants, he'll go somewhere else.

There were elite clubs in Wales and because of them you had a better chance of playing with better people and prospering with your own game. Now a player will go wherever he can get the best deal and not necessarily to better his rughy. Players are not going to the clubs for the right reasons.

"Unless there are changes, unless there is open discussion, there are going to be serious consequences for rug-by union."



'Augusta of Europe' has its critics

## Bogeys prevail in battle to master windy Valderrama

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN SOTOGRANDE The scores illustrated the

DAVID J. Russell found himself propping up the 53 other competitors in the Volvo Mas-15 over par, on the Valder-

rama course here yesterday.
"I left a trail of blood out there," be said. "I bled from the 1st to the 18th. I might play the last two rounds in a mask, so nobody will recog-

Russell is no Phantom of the Opera. He is a larger than life figure who usually studes optimism. However, he was blown into submission by the poniente wind which, gusting from the west at between 25 and 30mph, turned Valderrama into a minefield.

He was not the only victim. Vijay Singh, the Fijian, who will have witnessed a hurricane or two, took driver, driver (out of bounds), driver (out of bounds), driver on the way to a nine at the par-five 17th. He

Sandy Lyle hit his drive at the 17th into a similar pos-ition as Singh, and considered using a mutter for his second shot. Vanity got the better of him. He hit a three wood, and ballooned the ball out of bounds. "I'll be tempted to take the putter next time," he said. "I can hit it 200 vards."

challenge. Europe's finest managed an edectic score of 114, averaging 76.22, on the Costa del Sol course sculptured by Jamie Ortz Patino, a Bolivian who turned tin into gold. His dream for it to become known as the Augusta of Europe has become reality, but yesterday the layout was not without its critics. Gordon Brand Jr spoke

from a position of authority because with a 70, one under par, he earned a share of the lead with Jamie Spence. "I don't think it is a fair course, he said. "You can hit a bail into the centre of a fairway, and find a tree in the way. It is like being on a cliff edge; you going to fall off."

Brand dropped shots at four holes, but he more than balanced the books with five birdies. The Scot was the only slayer to finish birdie-birdie. He hit a driver, a two-iron and a seven-iron to 12 feet at the 17th: a driver and a seven-iron to ten feet at the 18th.

Spence said: "You can shoot 80 out there without blinking." Spence has always been a good player in the wind. He simply lacked confidence. He began this year worried

### Wesselingh reaches tour

Valencia: Paul Wesselingh, of Chorley, having tried and failed three times before, finally achieved his goal by reaching the PGA European Tour qualifying school here yesterday.

Just when Wesselingh, 31,

was starting to despair of ever advancing beyond the prequalifying phase, he

On the challenging El Bosque course he was alone in bettering par in both rounds and, after a closing 71, found

himself with three shots it spare on his nearest rival. Ian Garbutt, the 1990 Eng lish Amateur champion, qualified at his first attempt after finishing four shots behind Wesselingh on 144. Only last month he represented England in the men's amateur home internationals. At El Basingstoke, won with 141.

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Wesselingh (Grg), 59, 71. 145: J Bick (US),
72, 71. 144: I Gesturit (Engl, 74, 70; L Jones
(Eng), 72, 72, 146: S Kamman (Ine), 75, 70.
148: A Cispo (Eng), 75, 71; R Forde (Eng),
74, 72.

from 225 yards out high and moving the ball 30 yards from left to right to reach the apron of the green. Spence clipped the trees with his drive at the 18th but scuttled a three-wood second shot of 220 yards under the branches on to the

the future."

Steven Richardson had only 23 putts in a 71. Bernhard Langer, who believes that Vaiderrama would make the perfect Ryder Cup course, regards it as a grinder's paradise. He took 72, as did Lyle, who made the only eagle of the day by hitting a five-iron second shot 230 yards uphill, downwind to 35 feet, from where he holed for a three at

about having an £85,000

mortgage; on Monday, he walked into the building society and paid it off. It must

seem like loose change now. Spence, who went to the tour

school five times, has earned \$400,000 this year. "I don't like looking back, I get frightened," he said. "I only look to

He is a good player to watch. He ripped two drivers

at the 16th, cutting the second

Nick Faldo managed only one birdie, but finished with a 73. "I think the scoring has been very good," he said. "It shows how our standards have improved. A few years ago, two over par would have led." might do by Sunday

It might do by Straday afternoon.

PRIST-ROUND SCORES (SE and in unless stated): 70: J Spence, G Brand Jr.

71: S Richardson. 72: A Lyle, B Langer (Sen. 73: D Clarke, D Gifford, P Michael, N Felcio, M A Jiménez (Sp), M McLenn, I Palmer (Sq). 74: E Romero (Arg), R Davis (Aus), W Westner (SA). P Westno, C Roose, (in, F Nobilo (NZ), J-M Cambares (Sp), D Feltenty, FS: G Gears, J M Clarabares (Sp), D Feltenty, FS: G Gears, J M Clarabares (Sp), D Feltenty, FS: G Gears, J M Clarabares (Swe), M MacKarzia, J Payne, B Cyle (Aus), R Rafferty, P Broadfungt, R Karlsson (Swe), M MacKarzia, J Payne, B Cyle (Aus), R Rafferty, P Broadfungt, TS: G Day (AS), J Reson (Sp), J J Johnstone (Zm), TS: M A Martin (Sp), B Linne, P Bales, V Fernández (Arg), P O'Malley (Aus), A Forsbrand (Swe), J Fystoner (Swe), S Linna (Sp), J Hassgorien (Swe), M Roe, P Way, 81: T Jackin. 82: V Singh (Fij), 86: D J Russel.

SCHOOLS SPORT

### Redland girls first to join RFU

By Chiris Dighton

THE pioneering spirit is alive and well at Redland High School in Bristol, the first allgirls independent school to be affiliated to the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

Helped by the explosion of New Image Rugby, the non-contact game designed to encourage youngsters, the school

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has widened its horizons to take in the full-blown scrummage and rucking game.

The inspiration has come from Pip Spivey, a teacher and an England international who was introduced to the game while studying at Loughborough University.
"It took off at Redland when

I first arrived in 1989 and the sixth form were keen to play the full-contact game, so they took on a women's team from Bristol University and lost only 26-16," she said.

"Rugby is an option open to the girls, and our school club is very keen, with between 30 and 40 girls taking part from

the third year upwards.
"I am also heavily involved in running the bockey, so the rugby doesn't really start until the second half of term. The problem for girls is that they can play New Image Rugby and mini-rugby in mixed settings until the age of 12, but then there is nothing until

they are 16.
"I am trying to bridge that gap and we work on all aspects of the game, rucking, mauling and lineouts. We create the chance for the girls to play their rugby at local clubs."

"For the full-contact game we depend on the older girls, but as we are a very academically minded school the supply players basically comes from the lower sixth form."

brings back-up with the latest developments in coaching, and a number of the girls are junior members at Bristol and

"The hard work starts with finding fixtures," Spivey added. "The possibilities are Cheltenham Ladies College. Clifton women's team and Bristol University. I am also looking at playing sevens rug-by, where I think there is more scope for girls."

Bradford Grammar School retained their title at the sixth St Joseph's College 15-a-side tournament in Ips-wich. Four tries from the right winger, Nick Miller, helped them to a 29-5 win over Wellington in the final Clifton beat Arnold 20-9 in the

## The clenbuterol loophole

examines the curious background to the drugs scandal at the

Barcelona Olympics THE controversy over the two British weightlifters banished from the Barcelona Olympic Games for alleged drug abuse will resurface tomorrow. Andrew Saxton and Andrew.

Davies are likely to be cleared of any offence by the British Amateur Weightlifters' Association (BAWLA) because they were never informed that there was a ban on the substance they had been However, Saxton and Da-

ries may have been no more involving Katrin Krabbe, the German sprinter who won the 100 and 200 metres at the 1991 world championships and who in June was released from a four-year ban because of an irregularity in an earlier

The case involves the drug clenbuterol taken by Saxton, Davies. Krabbe and her teammates, Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr. Clenbuteroi has become known as the "doper's delight" because it is both a stimulant for humans and also an anabolic agent in animals, while being a drug used to treat asthma. Before the Games in Barcelona this year, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had banned beta-2 agonists, in-cluding clenbuterol, in compe-

tition because they were stimulants, but it is debatable whether, at the time of the Games, they were also banned in out-of-competition testing. On May 14, ten weeks before the Games, the IOC distributed a revised list of barmed substances to the national Olympic committees, international federations and accredited laboratories, including the Sports Council in London. The list was then

published in the official Medi-

cal Controls Guide for Beta-2 agonists were classi fied as prohibited in competition and recorded under doping class A, which deals with stimulants; there was no mention of beta-2 agonists in class C, which covers androgenic anabolic steroids, which are banned both in training and competition. [There is a catch-all phrase in class C which reads "and related substances", but it is argued by Professor Arnold Beckett, a leading expert on drugs in sport, that these words cannot include beta-2 agonists because they are not steroids. They are, he says, chemically and pharmacologically unrelated to androgenic anabolic steroids; they may have an effect on human muscles, but by different pharmacological mechanisms from those of

anabolic steroids.] By July 25, and the opening of the Games in Barcelona, there had been worldwide reports of some competitors outside Europe using denbuterol to help their training. Beta-2 agonists were, apparently, mentioned informally by the IOC doping sub-commission, but no action was taken before the Games. On July 30, the British

Olympic Association (BOA) announced that Saxton and Davies had been sent home from Barcelona because tests conducted during training earlier that month had revealed they had taken clembuterol. On the morning of July 31, according to unconfirmed reports, the IOC doping sub-commission met to consider the status of beta-2 agonists and to make recom-



Krabbe: found to have taken clenbuterol in out-of-competition test

medical commission meeting

that night. That afternoon, Beckett, a member of the medical commission since its inception 25 vears ago, went to supervise the drug-testing at the Olym-pic handball. At the same time, Professor Manfred Donike, the German authority who is secretary of the subcommission, presumably went to the drugs-testing laboratory in Barcelona. It was from there, at 1.18 and 3.01, that faxes, signed by Donike and on the notepaper of his Cologne laboratory, were sent to the DSB, which runs the German anti-doping programme, and the DLV, the

Donike recorded in the

German athletics federation.

mendations to the full IOC Games, because of some peo- containing denbuterol; on September 11, the DLV ple's belief that "and related substances" did not cover betabanned Krabbe. Breuer and Derr, who had also tested

2 aponists. At 9.30, Beckett, who was still at the handball, began to make enquiries for his car and driver, provided by the medical commission, to transport him to the meeting. The car was not to be found. Beckett tried repeatedly but unsuccessfully to phone Dr Don Cattlin, an American colleague on the medical commission, to warm him about his delay. [Cattlin told Beckett later that he had attempted to return the call before the medical commission meeting but had been unable to get a replyj. Eventually, a car was sent for Beckett.

but it was too late. At 11.50, when Beckett

finally arrived at the Hilton. the meeting had broken up and a fax had already been

sent to the BOA. It confirmed

that clenbuterol had been

banned as a stimulant and the

meeting also considered it to

be related to androgenic

anabloic steroids. Later,

Prince Alexandre de Merode,

the president of the commis-

sion, explained that Beckett

dissociated himself from the

It was only on August 3, at 10.30am, that Donike says he

learnt in a telephone conversa-

tion with Rudiger Nickel, of

On August 4, news broke in

decision.

British weightlifters sent home from Spain may have been no more than innocent victims in a case involving Katrin Krabbe

faxes that although the latest tests on unnamed German athletes had proved negative masking agents (which are examined under IOC regulations for out-of-competition testing), denbuterol had been found in a total of nine samples taken on July 2 and 3. July 16 and July 22. Donike concluded in the faxes that beta-2 agonists came under the class of anabolic steroids, because they were chemically and pharmacologically related

At 10.30 that night, the IOC's medical commission was due to discuss clenbuterol at its meeting at the Hilton Barcelona, partly because of an appeal by the BOA to clarify the simution. The British camp was awash rumours that the weightlifters might be asked to

the DLV, that Krabbe was one of the competitors found to have taken denbuterol in outof-competition controls in Germany in July. the European press about the positive tests; on August 13, the second samples from the return from Britain to the



Davies, left, and Saxton: likely to be cleared

carried out over three sessions earlier that month in Germany had contained denbuterol, but, until the medical commission's confirmation that clenbuterol was a prohibited substance, it is doubtful that there were sufficient grounds on which the athletes could have been banned. On June 28, the IAAF had lifted a four-year ban imposed on Krabbe and Breuer because of an irregularity in a drugs test carried out in South Africa in

January.

positive. All have said they will

appeal in fact. Donike had

known by July 31 that nine unidentified urine samples

Two questions remain tantalisingly unanswered: did Donike try to influence the night to confirm the status of clenbuterol because he already knew that nine unidentified tests in his own country had revealed traces of clenbuterol? Would Beckett's presence have changed its decision? Beckett insists that the status

of beta-2 agonists, including clenbuterol, had never been banned for out-of-competition testing by the medical commission before the meeting. He says: "To state that the have always been included without giving even one exam-ple, is non-scientific and illogical and has never been announced." His doubts have influenced

BAWLA, whose central coun-

cil meets in London tomorrow to decide whether to suspend Saxton and Davies. Both Britons have admitted to taking clenbuterol during their training for the Barcelona Olympics. Both said that they did not know it was barned for use in training: Saxton said he took it to treat asthma, and Davies said he was given it by Saxton for a "tight chest". Krabbe, Breuer and Derr are appealing to the German authorities on the same grounds: in fact, clembuterol is available on prescription in Germany, but not in Britain, for the treatment of asthma.

It is a further lesson for sport after Krabbe's successful appeal against her first suspension and the IAAF's protracted struggle to ban Harry "Butch" Reynolds, the American athlete, for a drugs offence - that when it makes rules in its proper campaign against drugs, it has to ensure that there are no loopholes.

RUGBY LEAGUE

### **Broncos** likely to be a real handful

BY CHRISTOPHER INVINE

WIGAN, for so long the dominant force in the British game, are in serious danger of heing definioned as World Club Challenge champions tonight when they play the Brisbane Broncos at Central

The Lancashire club has champions of England and Australia. But Brisbane, run-Cup, in which they averaged 23 points a game, are clearly a cut above any other side the Unlike Manly-Warringah in 1987, and Penrith last year, who were both accused of coming over for the remunerstive ride, the Broncos are

plainly intent on bucking Unless Wigan can close down what is obviously a most potent attacking combination and rescursint Martin Offish with the ball, denied him in the World Cup final at Wembley, it is difficult to see how they can avoid being overthrown, despite the encouragement of a capacity crowd of

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in beating St Helens in the recent Lancashire Cup final, Wigan demonstrated masterly defensive qualities. But they may be regretting failing to renew the contract of the Australian centre. Gene Miles. Without him, their attack has not been as impres sive and Miles has provided the Brisbane club with valuable information during their preparations for the game.

Maurice Lindsay, the former Great Britain manager, ruffled feathers on last summer's tour by referring to the Australian chib scene as boring. Brisbane are predictable from every part of the pitch. Wigan know that, above all, they must restrain Allan Lang-er. The Broncos march to the

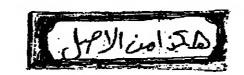
tempo set by their maestro of a scrum half who scored two tries in last month's 28-8 defeat of Sydney St George in the Sydney grand final. Of all their titles, Wigan are proudest of being world dub champions. It was one they did not expect to have to

defend this year. But when the Broncos provided Australia with eight members of the World Cup final squad, the Rugby Football League seized the chance of staging two outstanding games in the

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## Britons hoping to live the American dream

IN RACING there are dreams, fairy tales and Derek and Helen Meredith - and a character called Cardmania. As the stalls open tomorrow afternoon for the Breeders' Cup Sprint, spare a thought for the former Newmarket lad and lass.

The couple, now based at El Monte, California, train just eight horses. One of them is the six-year-old sprinter Cardmania, who might, just might, just achieve what Sheikh Albadou did to Breeders' Cup sprinters at Churchill Downs last year: pull off the shock of the meeting. This year Sheikh Albadou returns as giant, rather than giant-

Twenty one years ago, Helen, then aged 15, spent three weeks of a school holiday at Doug Smith's yard in New-market. A childhood interest in horses had been nurtured by gypsies, living in woods near her Corby home, who allowed Helen and her three

brothers to ride their animals. After completing her final term, she returned to Newmarket and spent two years working for Sir Mark Prescost. While there she met, and for a year went out with. Derek Meredith. He rode on

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the Flat for Arthur "Fiddler" Goodwill for five years and as

an apprentice won 50 races. The two youngsters split up "over a bad word" and Helen went to France, where she worked for the Cunningtons and Marcel Boussac. After training four horses on her own, which won a dozen races, she became assistant to Jonathan Pease at Lamor-

Derek also crossed the Channel, to ride over the jumps, a year after Helen's departure from Newmarket. "He says he didn't come because of me," she said. "I know he did."

Whatever the reason, there was no reunion. Helen got married, but not to Derek. He took up an offer to work in New York in 1980 before moving to the warmth of the

west coast.

Helen's job with Pease often required her to accompany good horses such as Golden Pheasant, Swink and Liloy on foreign travels. Sometimes she would bump into Derek in the United States. "We started speaking again," she joked. "I came

over here at the end of 1989." Helen, now divorced, marned Derek the following year and Cardmania entered their

lives 12 months ago.

The former claiming handicapper, trained in France by Myriam Bollack-Badel, won a group race in Italy and then went to Hollywood Park in November 1991 after his owner noticed the track would pay travel

An unlucky-in-running third showed there were dollars to be won and staff at the Bollack-Badel recommended Cardmania stay with the Merediths.

Two victories at Santa Anita and one at Hollywood Park, where she beat Gray Slewpy, confirmed Card-mania was not far behind the best sprinters and the plan was hatched for Breeders' Cup glory. With 13 victories from 51

career starts to his credit, Cardmania returned to Europe to freshen up before returning to the United States in September. Two weeks ago he ran promisingly in his first

3.75 FITZROY HOUSE HANDICAP (£4,628: 1m 4f) (18 runners)

him for a month, since he got back from Europe, and I wasn't sure where I was with him. He had lost a lot of weight. All I'm doing now is trying to keep him happy, train him lightly and make him feel good." Helen, who is the horse's

exercise rider, added: "I think he has a very good chance. When he ran after his lay-off the other day he was only beaten two and a half lengths by Gray Slewpy and he broke the race record.

"He's an improving horse. The key is to keep him happy. He wants lots of attention and likes to do what he wants." Despite their small number of horses the Merediths have

had a good year. Eighteen of their 31 runners have finished in the money. "Because we do most of the work ourselves we can make it pay. "We bought a property in February and a couple of yearlings which we will break

English owners to have horses here," Helen said. If Cardmania obliges tomorrow, owners of all nationalities will surely be beating a path to El Monte.

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Stumbling block: Sheikh Albadou threatens Cardmania's Breeders' Cup Sprint hopes

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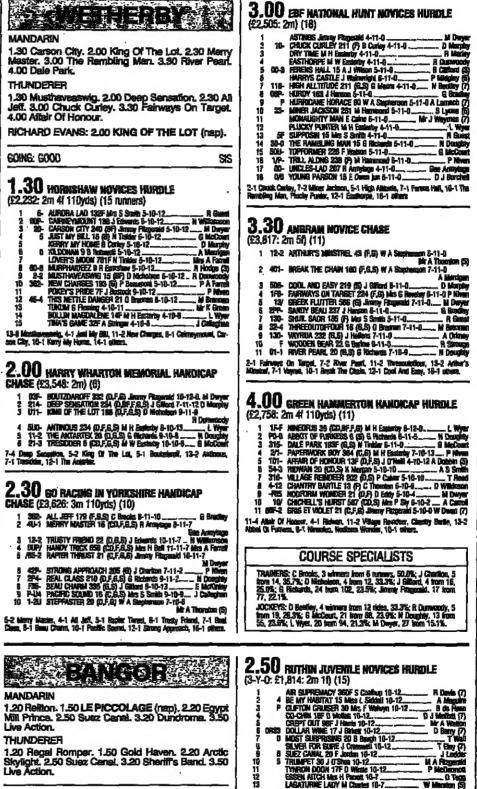
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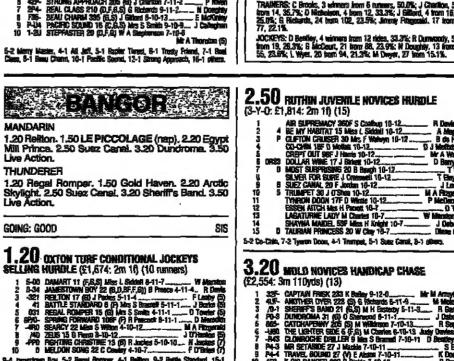
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### Breeders given little comfort on VAT

THE prime minister's reply to a question in the Commons on the government's VAT policy from Alf Morris, the industry representatives to Labour MP for Manchester. Wythenshawe, suggests that change is unlikely to be forthcoming in the immediate

He said: "The government

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ensure that it is not significaptly disadvantaged by the continued difference in VAT rates between member states.

"The introduction of the flat rate farmers' scheme and recognises the regional eco-nomic importance of the duty in the 1992 Budget will bloodstock industry. My right help secure the right environ-cheap to administer."

ment in which the industry can compete successfully.
"Ministers receive many well-argued cases for tax relief, many of which appear at least as deserving of a reduced rate as bloodstock. The government believes that its long-standing policy of a VAT system based on a zero rate and a single positive rate is simple for all traders and

JOCKEYS: J. Shoemerk, 3 from 8, 37.5%; D. Merwifth, 3 from 13, 23.1%; L. Harrey, 5 from 23, 21.7%; S. Michelli, 6 from 30, 20.0%; ) Lawrence, 3 from 16, 16.7%; J. Lodder, 12 from 78, 15.4%.

#### Landowner to regain winning thread

LANDOWNER has an excellent opportunity to gain his first success since the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot in June in the George Stubbs Stakes at Newmarket this afternoon.

Despite that losing spell he has run creditably in most of his starts, notably when a two and a half length second to the high-class stayer Further Flight in the Lonsdale Stakes at York with Tyrone Bridge, who reopposes today, another two lengths away third.

Although Landowner was only seven lengths sixth in a group three race at Longchamp last time, the ground was a good deal softer than he likes that day and, back on good going here, he can return to the winner's en-

Landowner's trainer, John Gosden, also runs Specificity, second to Vintage Crop in the Cesarewitch, but the balance of her form looks inferior to Landowner's.

The in-form Bold Resolution stands on a four-timer but needs to improve on three handicap victories to overcome Landowner in this high-

er dass. Rainbow Corner ran well when second to Mellottie in a listed race here earlier this month, his first run for Henry Cecil since moving from Andre Fabre in France. That form suggests he can resume winning ways in the James Seymour Stakes.

The colt has only once attempted a trip beyond nine furlongs, when soundly beat-en in the Derby, but this mile and a quarter should certainly not be beyond him, bearing in mind he is by the outstanding middle-distance performer Rainbow Ouest.

The Clive Brittain-trained Spartan Shareef could be the principal danger, particularly as he receives 4lb from Rainbow Corner. He won a listed race at York last month but his best efforts have been on soft ground, a remark which also applies to Revif.

Cecil can complete a double with Pica in the Fitzroy House Handicap, while Shaiba, trained by Michael Stoute, can fulfil the promise of his second to Right Win at Ascot in the Soham House Stakes.

However, for the nap I go to Bangor and Le Piccolage in the Corbett Bookmakers Handicap Chase. He began last season with wins in goodclass novice chases at Ascot and Newbury but on his two subsequent starts his jumping betrayed him and he fell on both occasions.

Despite those blots on his record, there is little doubt that Le Piccolage has a future over fences and his trainer, Nicky Henderson, is confident that he has the eight-year-old in good heart for his seasonal bow.

In an intriguing race for the Jones Peckover Novices Chase, Jenny Pitman's smart hurdler Egypt Mill Prince is taken to make the most of the 7lb he receives from Arctic Skylight.

At Wetherby, the day's other National Hunt meeting, Merry Master appeals in the Go Racing In Yorkshire Handi-cap Chase. He began the season with a ten-length win from Wrekin Hill over this course and distance earlier this month and can defy a 5lb rise in the handicap.

#### Johnston filly makes it four

BRANSTON Abby, trained by Mark Johnston, completed a four-timer in October with victory in the Sneinton Stakes

at Nottingham yesterday.

The improving daughter of Risk Me next attempts to extend her sequence in the Armistice Handicap at Doncaster tomorrow week with either Michael Roberts or John Reid aboard.

Roberts, twice successful on her at Pontefract, missed out here as he could not confirm his availability early enough, so Reid, in the plate at Chepstow, took over again. Sir Harry Hardman forced the pace and refused to buckle when headed entering the final furlong, but Branston Abby, with only hands and heels assistance, maintained her neck advantage to the line.

Francis Lee and Willie Carson gained compensation for Sir Harry Hardman's near miss when Coolaba Prince, one of five in the firing line a furlong out in the Nottingham Autumn Handicap, found a little extra to beat Take It In Cash by three-quarters of a

length. Carson completed a double with the promising Azzilfi, trained by John Dunlop, in division one of the Netherfield



Placepot: £18,30

Kempton Park

18.39. 2.10 (2m 4) 170yd ch) 1, Wick Pound (f Grantien, 8-11 list); 2: Olayage (11-1); 3, Disco Dulse (20-1), 5 sec. NS: Hatsai Runner, 30, 301, Join Toire (1-70, 21.30, 23.10, DP: 94.60, CSP: 28.53. 24.60. CSF. 28.53.
2.40 (Sm 110/4) hole) 1. Ratinvinden House (S McCount, 11-4 h-fas); 2. Le Chet Not (11-2); 3. Chesmande (11-4 h-fas), 7 ran. 10, 81. Thomson Jones. Tota: E3.50; 21.50, 22.10. DF: 210.30. CSF. 216.84.
2.10 (Sm. 40); 1. Bornes Bud (D Gellegher, 13-2); 2. Roscoe Henrey (13-2); 3. Mismosr's West (13-4); 2. Roscoe Henrey (13-2); 3. Mismosr's West (14-9 Funy Knose 13-6 fax, 6 ran. M. 23-6. D Mismay Smith. Tota: 29.50; 24.00, 21.40. DF: 222.10. CSF. 24.107. 222.10. CSP: 241.07.
3.40 (2m ch) 1, SBM Bathgate (J.F. Kasarnegh, 11-4 las); 2, Shu Fiy (7-5); 3, Roston HS (16-1); 7 sm. 254, 122. N Herodenson, Tote: 23.00; 22.00; 122.00. DF: 122.20. CSF: 211.91.
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Miss L Siddell Tois: 25.20; £1.90, £4.50, £3.70. DF: 558.70. CSF: £126.81.
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## Savannah's drawbacks to be discussed at IYRU meeting

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

A STORM is gathering this weekend over the choice of venue for the 1996 Olympic yachting regatta after reports that the seas off Savannah are virtually windless and crews will take six hours to get to and from the courses.

"Those who chose this venue have some serious questions to answer," one delegate warned on his arrival in London for the start today of the International Yacht Rac-ing Union's (IYRU) annual

The regatta is due to be staged off the coast of Georgia, some 200 miles from Atlanta, host city of the Games.

Given that it is now almost mpossible to move the venue, IRYU delegates face the choice of forcing crews to sail more than 12 miles out to sea and back each day, or holding the racing within the narrow

Larkins

survives

stabbing

Wayne Larkins, the Durham

cricketer, received knife wounds to the neck and stom-

ach when he was attacked by

two men in Barbados on

Larkins, 38, received 20

stitches before being released from hospital. "I was fighting for my life," he said.

Awards: Peter Keen, who

Olympic cycling gold medal,

has been honoured by the

British Institute of Sports

ided Chris Boardman to an

Keen honoured

Tuesday night

Wilmington river between the

For traditionalists the idea of deciding Olympic medals over short figure-of-eight courses is anathema - the equivalent of holding the 100 and 200 metres athletics events in the road outside the

To others, however, the

prospect of racing within a public arena is an exciting prospect, and one which would appeal to television. "We must be careful not to allow the venue to decide the programme, but we want to keep an open mind on the issue," Rod Carr, chief coach

to the British team, said. Savarmah was chosen to bost the regatta by the IYRU's American vice-president, Ding Schoonmaker, and Bill Lynn, the United States delegate who died last year. On ratified by Peter Talberg, the

But concern for the time involved in getting competitors from the Olympic village by water taxi down-river to the proposed site of the harbour on the south bank, and then out to the race courses, has prompted officials to consider a revised plan.

This entails racing the boardsailors upstream of the village, where the river is a quarter-of-a-mile wide, and close to Savannah itself, and the other dingly classes on two oval courses further downstream, where it widens to a maximum of half-a-mile.

As much of the riverbank is marshland, what wind there is usually blows directly upstream and is unhindered by buildings or trees. But it would ssible to spectators. "I don't think this is such a bad idea," Carr said. "The majority of dinghy racing

Britain, goes on inland. Certainly, most of our sailors come from this background. If the criteria is to get more people watching the sport. then this proposal could win

However, others are press-ing to move the venue to Hilton Head Island, a yachting and golf centre 35 miles north of Savannah, which boasts extensive marina facilities. But this is in neighbour-ing South Carolina, and out of the state jurisdiction of the Georgia organisers.

Another contentious issue is the choice of classes for the 1996 Games. There is strong pressure, from the third world and Asian countries in particular, to replace expensive boats like the Finn singlehander and Tornado catamadinghies such as the Laser and



RUGBY UNION

## Patient Slattery has chance to finish his apprenticeship

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT Brian Smith, Brad Burke and.

briefly, Ricky Stuart (all of

whom turned to rugby league)

became reserves to Farr-Jones

during his eight-year career. Slattery's international debut

did not come until 1990, for a

few minutes against a touring United States XV and the only

time he has played 80 minutes of rugby for Australia was

during the World Cup last

Peter Slattery would have had to cultivate even had he not possessed it. He has played six times for Australia but when Lansdowne Road against Ire-land tomorrow it will be only the second time he has started

Coaches for showing "consis-He has had to wait, and not tently high quality in the dev-elopment of individual always in the front of the performance" Other award winners at the Coach of the Year Awards caremony in London yesterday were: Jack Rowell (rugby union), Maggie Souyave (women's hockey), Valerie Mellor and Dina Murdie (swimming), Terry Potter (voilevball). Moira Hinkles (hockcy), and Hugh Mantle (slalom Car summit

Motor sport: Max Mosley, the president of Formula One's governing body, has proposed a two-day summit before Christmas of all the world championship teams "to de-cide if we need to change our rules, how much, and when". Research and development must be directed towards the evolution of the motor car," he said. Mosley is keen to reduce emission, and make engines more fuel efficient.

#### Gould recognised

Teamis: Nick Gould, 20, from Bristol, has been included in Britain's team for the European men's team championships, formerly the King's Cup, in Trieste, Italy, on December 9-13.

Crossing trophy The Hales Trophy for the listest teams arisonic crossing was presented in 1935, not in 1838, as reported on October 27.

Mountain bikes Cycling: The Tour de France, which went through seven European countries last July, will bead back to the roads of France and towards the mountains between July 3-25 next year. A case official said it would be "one of the most mountainous Tours in resent years". PATIENCE is a virtue which takes the field at game for his country.

queue, for the retirement from international rugby of Nick Farr-Jones, who was at once both a world-class player and on his own as a captain. It is a heavy burden to follow such a player, whose influence ex-tended far beyond the rugby field into realms of general conduct, organisation and the need to keep players in the game by ensuring they did not lose financially. At this stage, however, all the slight, curlyheaded Slattery hopes for is a successful game. When he was 19 he was an international replacement but subsequently watched while others such as

year when Farr-Jones damaged his knee and Slattery played against Wales. He also played in the memorable quarter-final against Ireland, when Farr-Jones's knee let him down after 18 minutes.Slattery was at the climax which ended in Australia's 19-81 win. "I'm nervous about Saturday's game but if I'm not ready now I never will

be," Slattery, 27, said "I've been lucky enough to have been part of the Wallabies squad for two years and

#### Police put on the alert

the one they will employ for the Leicester City football match against Newcastle Uni-ted this Saturday for the visit of the South African rugby team next week (Peter Bills

Although the threat of widespread disruption to the tour has receded after the African

LEICESTER police are plan-ning an operation similar to statement asking for no demstatement asking for no dem-onstrations, police will still have sufficient manpower to cover all eventualities at Welford Road.

The match, between the Midland division and the South Africans, will attract a 16,000 crowd, similar to the attendance expected at Filbert

don't think that because Nick isn't playing it's a different team. Him being captain and a great player had a lot of influence on how the team played and it will take years for me to do that but I hope I'll get

through. I just hope people

"I can't stop people compar-ing me with Nick. I'd like to try and play a game as close to his as possible because he was pretty well the perfect scrum half. To do that I need to improve my kicking and what I do around the field. But I learnt from him and the back rows he played with, and I hope to go on learning."

er, has already earned him the captaincy of Queensland, whose high-grade rugby helped him resist offers from rugby league, and of Australia's midweek team. Leading the state side has reduced his playing inhibitions and now his job, as a sales representative for Rugby Products of Australia, bases him at Ballymore in Brisbane, the home of Queensland rugby.

"Irish rugby may be in a better position than people here seem to think," he said. "I find it unbelievable when I hear it suggested that Wales may give us a harder time. We have been punished in each game we have played here. Guys are still running at us at the close and we have had to work for each try. You have to be kidding if you think this will be an easy game."

### South Africans make changes

made five changes to the team beaten by France last weekend for the fixture with the French Barbarians in Lille tomorrow (Chris Thau writes). They are attempting to establish their best combination for the Eng-land leg of their tour, which starts next week. Frederick Smit, the flanker,

who has replaced the injured Botha Rossouw, will play his first game. With centre Danny

Gerber nursing a calf injury, Peter Muller and Henrich Fuls have been paired for the first time. Harry Roberts, who has shown good form but not won an international place,

comes in as hooker. Jacques Fouroux, the Bar-barians coach, feels that not too much should be read into the touring team's mediocre performance against the French Students earlier this week. "This is the post-Paris

syndrome. They had a good time after the international and paid the price in Tours." Proceeds of the game will go to the South African Rugby Football Union.

SOUTH AFRICA XV: H Resco-Echemics, J Small, P Maller, H Fuls, J Obvier, N Bother capcain, G Wright, J Styper, S Roberts, K Andrews, A Richter, A Mallern, S Atherton, F C Smit, T Strauss, HEBNOW BAPEANOR: S Blancor, P Selfs, D Chervet, P Legisquet, D Cambershorn, R Jones (Wales); G Lescotck, M Delmano, P Ondans, E Champ, J Condons, A Benezzi, L Loppy, L Rockiosare,

### Irish opt to keep bank on course

Millstreet, Co Cork: The that takes place here this weekend will feature an indoor ten-foot bank, de-spite the fatality which occ-urred on a similar obstacle at Wembley earlier this mouth Genny MacArthur

The show, which includes The show, wince includes freland's first Volvo World Cup qualifying round since 1982, has attracted the largest international field since the world championships in Dublin ten years ago. The 12 British riders com-

peting include John and Michael Whitaker, David Broome and Nick Skelton, inners of the team award at Bremen a fortnight ago. The death of the Swiss horse Sir Arkay at Wembley, after slipping on the bank in the British Show Jumping Association barming the use of such a fence at the venue in future. The bank had been modelled on the one at Millstreet, where the organisers are clearly inked by comparisons with

Thomas Duggan, a joint organiser of the show, said yesterday: "Our hank is less steep and is in a quieter part of a larger arena. It was tried and tested last year when more than forty horses came down it safely.

Though declarations do not have to be made until tomorrow night. Doggan expects around the same number in the field in the Derby on Sunday night — including most of the Brit-ish riders.



## FOOTBALL

### Graham angered by long delay for replay with Derby

By LOUISE TAYLOR

GEORGE Graham, the Arsenal manager, was yesterday indignant that his side must wait almost five weeks before meeting Derby County to replay their Coca-Cola Cup third-round tie.

The teams drew I-1 at the Baseball Ground on Wednes-day, but because of the first division side's commitments in the Anglo-Italian Cup, a rematch at Highbury is impossible for more than a month. The winners will visit either Plymouth Argyle or

Scarborough. Graham said: "It is disraceful that the Anglo-Italian Cup takes preference over a It is typical of the people who

are running the game."
Geoffrey Richmond, the not mind whether his team faces Arserial or Derby. "Providing we beat Plymouth, it is either Arsenal's £10 million team or Derby's £10 million team. It would be the biggest night in our history," be said. Aston Villa's reward for putting the League Cup holders, Manchester United, out of the competition on Wednesday night is a fourth round tie

at home to inswich Town.
Tottenham Hotspur, who
won at Maine Road, have
another awkward away trip,
this time to Nottingham Forest, four times winners of the competition, who overcame Crewe Alexandra.

Providing they beat Wat-ford in a delayed third-round tie, Leeds United are to visit Ewood Park, home of Black burn Rovers, for what promises to be the tie of the round. Scott Sellars, sold to the Football League champions by Blackburn this season, will be

keen to be involved. Sixteen Premier League earns remain in the competition. Cambridge United will be the standard bearers for the first division, taking on Oldham Athletic at home.

POURTY-POURD SERVIN: Shelled United or Liverpool y Createl Palent; Plymouth or Seatosough v Datby or Areasat; Carberdog United v Oldham; Eventon or Wirthston v Creates; Shelledt Wadnesday v Queens Park Ranger; Notlingham Forest v Totarsham; Auton Ville v Ipawich; Elacidoum v Wedford or Leads United. Thus to be played design the week operating November 30.

### Rains has grounds for Cup optimism

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

BOLD Dorking best Farn-borough Town 2-0 in an FA Cup fourth qualifying round replay to reach the first round. proper for the first time on Tuesday night. The Diadora League first division club's next task is to persuade the police to allow it to stage its next tie, against Plymouth Argyle, of the second division, at its Meadowbank ground. Meadowbank has only two

turnstiles, no segregation, grass banking, no lavatories outside the clubhouse and a public address whose mes-sages are barely audible beyoud the 200-seat stand where supporters sit in the purple plush of seats salvaged from a former cinema.

The boistrous atmosphere created by a crowd of 1,207 helped the Dorking players drag tired limbs through the

mud to a famous win. Goals after 31 minutes by Carey Anderson, a tireless, thundering mountain of a forward, and after 80 minutes by Steve Lunn, a bundle of restless energy and tricks, brought John Rains, the manager, his reward for sending his team out to attack.

Rains, a thorough and en-thusiastic coach, is in his second season in charge and has exploited his 13 years at Sutton United to bring former players from Gander Green Lane, including his brother, Tony, the assitant manager, and Matthew Hanlan.

Southport thrilled a crowd of 2,082 when a "left-foot toe poke from 25 yards" by Mar-tin Schofield beat Barrow in the final minute of extra time in their Cup replay at Haig Avenue on Tuesday.

63. SAN JUAN, Puerto Filoz Woman's tour

SAN JUAM, Puerto Ricc. Wiomagn's tour-nament: First round: D Grahem (US) bt E Delone (US), 6-0, 6-1; L Reymond bt E Viquete, 7-6, 6-2. Second round: G Hagelson (US) bt J Halerd (Ph, 8-4, 8-0; L Allen (US) bt J Halerd (Ph, 8-4, 8-0; L Allen (US) bt C Ruchin (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; G Fourance: bt K Fincald, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, GLARIUM, Beach Merris tournement: Second Round: J Armse (Sp) bt C Moti (B), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; C Arrians (B) bt D Parac (Un), 6-2, 7-6; A Mannisider (Sp) bt D Parac (Un), 6-2, 7-6; A Mannisider (Sp) bt M Gootines (Gn), 2-8, 7-8, 6-3; J Forne (An) bt D Response (Gn), 5-2, 6-2; L Rounds (Sp) bt D Rounds (Sp) bt D Rounds (Sp) bt D Rounds (Sp), 6-2, 6-2; L Rounds (Sp) bt J C Sha (Rounds), 7-6, 6-4, 8-7-8.

HOMETINE LEAGUE First division: Regi-ing 46, King's Lynn 44; Reading 52, lossed

YACHTING

CRICKET

### Tendulkar helps to turn back the clock

SACHIN Tendulkar, who has been besieged by entius-iasts since arriving in South Africa, ensured further barassment for himself yesterday when India opened their tour here. Tendulkar made an exquisite and chanceless hundred as the Indians beat Nicky Oppenheimer's XI by 80 runs. Tendulkar, 19, faced 92 balls and finished with a six and 17 fours as he cut, drove and pulled freely. He dearly reveiled in the relaxed atmo-

ers being allowed to swarm on to the field during drink breaks. The occasion raised more than £30,000 for non-Oppenheimer does not approve of limited-overs cricket on his private ground in a

burg. This was a one-day game from a bygone era, its course dictated by the captains rather than by roles.

The Indians batted first, by imer's XI was rapidcamer, claimed a hat-trick near the end when he took the vickets of Snell, van der Bijl

Earlier Cook failed and here was only brief resistance from Gibbs, a young Cape Coloured, and Kunper before Raju, the left-arm spinner, took four quick wickets. A blissful day finished with the home captain, at No. 11, histing his opposite number for

Even the host's vast financial resources, though, were helpless against the weather gods. The game started 90 minutes late, after the high weld's worst winds and rainstorms for two years immed a favoless pitch into a maddied morass overnight.

The winds were such that the plastic covers were shredded after 30-metre long top of them had been blown parts, perrol was poured on the ... square and set alight to initiate the drying process.

It left the pitch blackened as

the remedial work was completed by the blades of the vivid red Oppenheimer helicopter, hovering over the strip. With goodwill prevailing, the match was started with the indians having to contend with almost an old-fashioned sticky wicket, a phrase which has become obsolete in these days of covering.

Kourie, slow left-arm, and Kuiper, gentle medium pace, were tactfully given the new ball, but three wickets still quickly fell. Raman turned a catch to backward short leg: Kapil Dev was held at slip against one that popped; and Arharuddin taken at slip as he unwisely drove when van der

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After this the devilment in . the turf departed, and Jadeja and Tendulkar added an enand Tendinar added an en-tertaining 127 in 22 overs.
Jadeja, 21, began warchfully, a but laser drove stylishly. He ! had just pulled Kuiper for six when he was caught behind. Two more wickets fell before the declaration at hunch, but with Tendulkar in full flow, everything else became

SCORES: Incliante 207-6 (S. R. Tendation 100 not out, A.D. Jackela 50; A.J. Kourte 4-50; Michel Oppresheiman's XI 127 (S. L. V. Reju 4-

### TCCB faces authority challenge

IN THE wake of the petition by MCC members expressing dissatisfaction with England's committee comes a resolution of no confidence in the Test . and County Cricket Board (TCCB) as a whole (Ivo comant writes). A Kent member is intent on putting forward a motion at his county's annual general meeting criticising policy including the introduction of coloured clothing in Sunday matries.

Roy Edey, who proposed a resolution last year that led to Kent's committee being severely reduced, is hoping members from other counties will support him. "I feel clubs have been buildozed over col-

oured clothing and members not consulted," he said. "I cannot believe the TCCB has any authority for this at all. It will not be long before coloured clothing becomes the established mode of dress in all matches and I am also keen to restore uncovered pitches

and three day cricket. Edey, a Kent supporter for nearly 60 years, said he had been concerned for a long While that county cricks was being "hijacked"

#### SNOOKER

### O'Sullivan is youngest in leading semi-final

FROM PHIL YATES IN ANTWERP

RONNIE O'Sullivan, 16, became the youngest player to reach the semi-finals of a leading professional tournament when he best Mike Hallett, the defending champion, 5-3 in the Humo Belgian Masters here yesterday.

However, such are the high standards O'Sullivan sets for himself that he was less than complimentary about a performance that included a series of errors alongside breaks of 70, 48, 44 and 111. His century break was the 23rd of a professional career which began in June.

O'Sullivan, last year's world junior champion, said: "I've played my worst snooker of the son here, even in practise. My worst in 76 qualifying matches at Blackpool was better than that. My motto has got to be care with flair." Hallett, who has endured a

wretched run of results since he captured this title last year, failed to seize a chance to lead in the seventh frame and later had a chance of 4-4 but he missed the final black with the rest. "I was diabolical, that's the way it is at the moment." said Hallett, like O'Sullivan a member of the self-depreca-

tion society. O'Sullivan meets Jimmy White, winner of last week's Rothmans grand prix, or James Wattana tomorrow for

BASKETBALL BUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round: Group B: NK Zader (Cro) 73, Benefon Teviso (t) 77; Ovinez (F1) 107, Mechelen (Bel) 103. BOWLS

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GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TIGAM CHARPONSHIP- Brokenburst Manus: 1, Mounthellen, Romsey, 238; 2, Tollon, Scushenplon, 240; 3, Berton Peved, Sastingh, 244, Leading Individual score: M Le Mestrier (Tollon), 68. POOTBALL

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6.30 Breakfast News begins with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when Laurie Mayer and Gwyn Jones present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel business (27583011)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chains a studio discussion on a topical subject (6683740) 9.45 Ross King, Game show. This morning's guest is Michaela Strachen (s) (6793276)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (7644699) 10.06 Playdays. For the very young (s) (7055479)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick Owen (77481740)
12.15 Pebble MBIL Alan Titchmarsh's guest is the actor Nick Berry (s) (9202568) 12.55 Regional News and weather (53262740)
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3.30 Barney Bear Double Bill. Cartoons (6265011) 3.45 Bump. Animation (r) (2220276) 3.50 Christopher Crocodile. With the voice of Derek Griffiths (7579081) 3.55 Superbods. The first of a new series that explores the human body, presented by Nicola Davies and Philip Hawthorn (8251818) 4.10 Chipmunius Go to the Movies. Cartoon (1610740) 4.35 Peccrit Breakers presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. The guests include world champion racing driver Nigel Mansell. (Ceefax) (s) (3245160)

5.05 Newstround (8229276) 5.10 Bylos Grove. Drama set in and around a Geordie youth centre. (Ceefax) (s) (391455)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (896565). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

5.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart. (Ceefas) Weather (769) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (721), Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Eldorado. (Ceelax) (2) (8127)



Big night out; the Queen arrives at Earle Court (7.30pm)

7.30 Forty Glorions: Years. A celebration of four decades of the 7.30 Forty Gloitons: Yesra. A. celebration of four decades of the Queen's reign from the Earls Court Arena in London, where a cest of 4,000 from entertainment, theatre, sport and industry pay tributs to Her Majesty. Among those taking part are Sir iam McKellen, Petula Clark, Darne Judi Dench, Cliff Richard, Darne Vera Lynn, Donald Sinden and the Titler Girls. (Cestax) (s) (20498)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Cestax) Regional news and userther (2022)

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 9.30 Between the Lines. Tough police series starring Neil Pearson as the pusity, womanising complaints investigator Tony Clark. This wask DS Markham (James Gaddas) is accused of accepting a bribe and Clark's mistress PC Jenny Dean (Lesley Vickerage) could be implicated. (Cestax) (s) (113905)
 10.20 Tarry Wogan's Friday Night, More blamey for the guest celebrities who knows Terl Garr, Germaine Green and Sean Haushas (s) (289596)

Hughes (s) (286585) 11.00 Film: Prison for Children (1986) starting John Ritter, Rephaet Sbarge and Betty Thomas. Worthy TV movie about the crusading

new superintendent of a young personal detention centre who is determined to rid the place of brutality, bureaucracy and fear. Directed by Larry Peerca. (Ceefai) (\$2672)

12.30em Best of British: The ITC Story. A look at the ITC films that have explored the dark side of mystery and imagination, includes clips from The Medical Touch, Salum 3 and The Company of Wolfes.

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Narrated by Str Anthony Quayle (2407509) 12.55 Weather (3120764)

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8.00 Breakfast News (4739768) 8.15 Westminster (4023498)

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9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational Programmes
2.00 News and weather 2.05 Words and Pictures (f) (23658837)
2.15 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rolfsson. Motor Racing: Formula Ford celebrates 25 years; Raiting: the J and B European championships on the River Oetz In the Austrian Tyrol; Rugby Lague: highlights from last Saturday's world cup final at Wembley; Footbalt: a review of last weekend's Premier League results (500656). With News (Ceelax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50
4.00 Catalhword. Word game hosted by Paul Coia (s) (634)
4.30 World Scraibble Championships (f) (818)
5.00 Between Ourselves: Wearing the Init. A documentary look at wiry some people have tations (4905)
5.30 Top Geer. Includes Jeremy Clarkson driving some of the classic Maseratis and the latest model, the 222 (f) (s) (498)
6.00 Stingray, Classic science liction puppet series from the 1960s (f). (Ceelax) (880383)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Spoof secret agent adventures staming Robert Vaughn and David McCalium (f). (Ceefax) (691030)
7.15 Sounda of the Stidies. Includes archive clips of the Who, Pink Floyd, Joe Cocker and the Jami Hendrik Experience (f) (s) (914585)

Floyd, Joe Cocker and the Jimil Hendrix Experience (r) (s) (\$14585) 7.45 What the Papers Say. With Steve Crawshaw of The Independent

(342276)
8.00 Public Eye; The Mind Managers. An investigation into management training courses and the harm they can do to the health of participants. The reporter is Sarah Spiller (2419). Northern Ireland: Sportscene

8.30 Royal Gardens. Sir Roy Strong looks at the horticultural legacy of Queen Victoria. (Ceetad) (2924) 9.00 Blackadder Goes Forth. Captain Blackadder is despairing of escaping from the trenches. With the German machine guns to the front and British firing squads guarding the rear he decides that the only way out is by air (r). (Ceelas) (\$504) Splendid Hearts: San Carlos.

Special reactions sent versue.

CHOICE: The polygnant series on war memorials and the stories behind the names moves to the Felidands. The 1982 conflict was unusual in that two-thirds of the 252 British dead were lost at sea. The widow of a chief petry officer says the absence of a body made her grief even harder to bear. For the relatives of those who died in the land bettles, there was, for the first time, the chance to bring their red ones home. Most took up the offer but 14 men are buried in the Felkends, their graves enclosed by a circular memorial and looked after by a sheep farmer. This is another richly textured film, bringing together eye-witness accounts of men in battle, moving footage of mass funerals and the unaffected testimony of beneved

todage of mass runerals and the unarrected teatmony or beneaved tamilies. As the petty officer's widow puts it, how do you tell a small boy that he hasn't got a daddy? (Ceetas) (68127)

10.00 Have I Got News For You. Rude and irreverent topical quiz presented by Angus Deayton. This week lan Histop and Paul Merton are joined by Denny Baker and Annabel Giles (s) (20479)

10.30 Newsnight with James Cox (326837)
11.15 Campaign! An off-beat look at the American presidential election

campaign (299301) 11.45 Weather (184818)



Hand of evil: Robert Mitchum as the killer cleric (11.50pm)

11.50 Film: The Night of the Hunter (1955, b/w) CHOICE: Charles Laughton's only film as a director is a masterly study of good and evil, brought to the screen with an omate visual style and a raft of fine performances. Robert Mitchum, at his laconic and moody best plays a psychopathic preacher who obtains money "for the Lord's work" by manying and murdering nich widows. He disposes of his latest victim (Shelley Winters) but her children find refuge with the saintly Rachel (Lillian Gish) who eventually ensures that the forces of goodness will prevail. Aimospheric black-and-white photography by Stanley Cortez and a menacing soundtrack help to build up a complex allegory in which the symbolism is strong but never forced. The script was the final work for the cinema of the distinguished critic James Agee (119905). Ende at 1.25em

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6.00 TV-am (5445818) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game hosted by Alistair Divali (1457837) 9.55
Thames News (7064127)
10.00 The Time...The Place... Topical discussion programme

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10.35 This Morning. Weakday magazine senes presented by Judy Finningan and Richard Madelay. Today's edition includes an item on American influence in the tashion inclustry and advice for those hoping to break into the music business. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (26130127)

12.10 Rainbow. Early learning series (r) (7501160)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Sonia Ruseler and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle) Weather (6209127) 1.05 Thames News (29550360)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (699083)
1.45 A Country Practice Medical drama series set in the Australian outbook (s) (750564)

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2.15 Highway To Heaven. Jonathan, the apprentice angel, and his earthly assistant Mark, help unite two Vietnamese boys with their parents whom they have not seen for ten years. Staming Michael Landon and Victor French (4449672)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8862127) 3.15 Thames News headlines (8861498) 3.20 GP. Australian medical drama set in and around a suburban surpery (4454983)

suburban surgery (4454)363)
Scooby Doo. Cartoon (6270943) 4.05 Astro Farm. Puppet series about a family farming in space (s) (7175363) 4.15 Victor and Hugo. Cartoon misadventures of two incompetent crooks (s)



Funny spells: Paul Valentine and Jone Kennedy (4.40nm)

4.40 Knightmere. Medleval dungeon game show hosted by Hugo Myatt. With Paul Valentine and lone Kennedy (7987634) 5.05 Cartoon featuring Porty Pig (5923127)
5.15 LWT News and weather (2441112)
5.40 Early Eventing News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (781295)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (837)
6.30 On the Buses, Seventies sitcom about a bus crew. Starring Reg Varney and Doris Hare (r) (189)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Les Dennis with another round of the family game show. (Oracle) (r) (1295)

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7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (301)
8.00 You Bett presented by Matthew Kelly. Risking forfeits this week are Torn O'Connor, Liz Kershaw, Brian Moore and Cheryi Baker (s)

9.00 Crime Monthly introduced by Paul Ross. As well as appeals for help on unsolved crime, the programme reports on a weekend with the Liverpool vice squad as they fight the kerb-crawlers and reveals how an exportionist was thwarted in his threat to poison supermarket

10.00 News at Ten with Nicholas Owen and John Suchst. (Oracle) Weather (277837) 10.35 LWT News and weather (248160) 10.45 The London Programme. The second of a two-part investigation into allegations that hundreds of Londoners are being wrongly convicted every year (397634)

11.15 Park High. Fly-on-the-well series about file in a suburban comprehensive (111127)
11.45 Diel Midnight. Phone-in series presented by Anastasia Cooke and Samantha Norman (391565)

1.05 Bob Downe Under. The first of a new series about life in Australia.

looking at what is new in arts and entertainment, books, politics and business, presented by Australian comedian Bob Downe (2095764) 2.10 CinemAttractions. Movie news from America (3445141) 2.40 Raw Power. Rock music magazine (s) (2816801) 3.35 Baseball 1992. Action from the United States Major League

4.35 Burtie's Law (b/w). Vintage crime series starring Gene Berry as the well-heeled Beverly Hills cop, in this episode investigating the murder of a wealthy financier (9606141)

5.30 FTN Morning News with Phil Flornan (11899). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Certoons (41108) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49437) 9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show (r) (27382)

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9.30 Schools (955905)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (14818)
12.30 Sesame Street (53450) 1.30 The Herbs (94882721) 1.45 The Clangers (94887276)
2.00 Film: Strange Cargo (1940, b/w) starring Clark Gable and Joan Crawford. The Crawford season continues with this heady malodrama about a woman on the run with eight desperadoes from Dewl's Island, among them a charismatic Christ-like character (fan bit start with been professed of feat and the control Programme of the control of th Hunter) who has a profound affect on the group. Directed by Frank

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4.05 Film: The Playhouse (1921, b/w). A Buster Keaton sitent about a one-man vaudeville show. Directed by Buster Keaton and Eddie Cine (6129540)

4.30 Fitteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (214)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Breakdown. A documentary about the work of a North London psychiatric "flying squad" (r). (Teletext) (8108)

6.00 Blossom. American domestic cornedy (s) (479)

6.30 Happy Days. Comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee. (Teletext) (289)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Dermot Mumaghan and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (418189) 7.50 First Reaction (627479)

8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (8585)

8.30 Four-Mations. Two animations and a look at how they were made (r) (7092)

9.30 Four-Hauens. Two authorises as a record at the stress of eight programmes in which linsh broadcaster and environmentalist Dick Warner explores the trees of Britain. (Teletext) (5092)
9.30 Cheers. Following their separation, Sam returns to his playboy ways while Diane takes a lover. Starring Ted Danson and Shelley

Long (f). (Teletext) (53295)
10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital. (Teletext) (s)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back, With Lord Parkinson, David Bailey

and Joanne Lumley (s) (320653)

11.10 The Word. The first of a new series of the youth programme, presented by Terry Christian, Katie Puckrick, Dani Behr and Mark Lamarr. The guests include Vanessa Paradis and Neneh Charry (s)



Biending in with his surroundings: Woody Allen (12.10am)

12.10 km Film: Zelig (1983, b/w).

● CHOICE: Critics tend to divide into those who see Zelig as a Woody Allen masterpiece and those who dismiss it as a trick. But even the doubters must concade that Allen at less than his best is still better than most. Modest in size, ambitious in theme, the film charts In quasi-documentary style the life of Leonard Zelig (Alien) during the 1930s and 1940s. As Zelig reveals to his psychiatrist (Mia Farrow), he is scarred by a childhood incident which gives him a compulsion to efface his own personality and blend in with the company around him. To this chameleon theme is added a discourse on the bluming of fact and fiction as technical wizardry enables Zelig to share newsreel footage with such luminaries as Roosevett and Hitter. To add a further layer, Susan Sontag, Saul Rollow and Dunn Datallicate turning the second (2015)

Housevert and Hinter. To add a furnier layer, Susan Soriag, Saur Bettow and Bruno Bettelheim turn up as themselves. (1981528)

1.35 The Twillight Zoner Showdown with Rence McGrew (b/w). A tale of the supernatural starring Larry Blyden (4565948)

2.00 American Football: Play Action. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach review the week's news and look forward to the weekend's games (67073). Ends at 2.30

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## 9.00 Composer of the Week: Bruckner (Adagio and Finale, Siring Quintet in F; Sanctus, Mass No 2 in E minor; Symphony No 9 in D minor)

6.55mm Weather
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pianos, K242: Malcolm Bilson,
Robert Levin, Melvyn Tan,
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Gardiner)

12.00 Chopin — The Great
Interpreters (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert
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live from St George's, Brandon
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Derek Lee Ragin, countertenor, accompanied by the
planist Julius Drake, sing
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Pergamenshikov); Tristan Keurls (Double Concerto: Raiph Kirshbaum and Gregor Horsch, cellos); Tchalkovsky

Pélainage)
10.10 Peter Philips: Red Byrd
performs madrigal settings of
italian poetry by the
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10.45 Unconfirmed Report

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of history and, for his
alternative view of 1492,
employs much humour, a

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10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW
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the trial notes of Jean de
Coras, a 18th-century French
judge (s) (r)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelt: Nigel Forde tells
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Carol Cales about her work
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## Athletics catches up with Mussabini at long last

was that, by conscientious

training, I had managed to

shorten my stride an inch or

Mussabini as very know-

ledgable for his time",

describes as "ludicrous" the

cross-arm action he favoured.

Arms should be kept low, bent

at the elbows and angled across the body, Mussabini insisted.

Mussabini, half Arab, half

French, encouraged the use of

hand-held corks to grip, raise

tension and thus provide a

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

TOMORROW, 65 years after his death, Sam Mussabini is to be honoured for his services to British athletics coaching, Mussabini was the mentor to Harold Abrahams, winner of the 100 metres at the 1924 Olympic Games, and the drama of their relationship was central to the 1981 film Chariots of Fire (Ian Holm as Mussabini.

Ben Cross as Abrahams). Mussabini will receive recognition from the coaching awards scheme begun by Frank Dick, the chief national coach, and sponsored by Post

ground in professional sprint-ing at the end of the last century made him unpopular with the establishment. did not, in fact, see Abrahams win his gold medal. In Chariots of Fire, Mussabini is shown in a room near the stadium while the final unfolds, learning of his charge's victory only when the national anthem is

Arthur Pornit, now Lord Pornit, who took the bronze medal, recalled yesterday: "I think it was that professional trainers were not allowed in."

Mussabini was to some extent an early 1920s eccentric. For one thing, "he always seemed to be wearing too many clothes", his fellow

Winter, wrote. Nor was he orthodox as a coach. "His methods were quite out of the ordinary, more concerned with starting and finishing than running," Lord Porritt,

When the award is presented in Coventry, Mussabini will be described as "the father of British coaching". But how sound were his methods? Porritt was convinced by him but Tom McNab, a coach and technical adviser to the film, is less

Abrahams had said: "My training sessions consisted largely of perfecting the start and practising arm action

more powerful arm action. McNab, however, says: "Sprinting has to be relaxed

power. You want hands to be relaxed." He was the first coach to use factor in my running in Paris

slow motion cine-film. Lt Col F. A. M. Webster, co-founder of the English summer school for athletes in 1934, wrote of him: "He had an analytical brain, the coaching eye and the genius of a scientist or psychiatrist for analysing what was going on in the body or the brain of an

The last words of Mussabini to Abrahams before the Olympic final were hardly those of an eccentric. "Only think of two things," he said. "The report of the pistol and the tape. When you hear the one, just run like hell until you break the other."



Coach with the golden touch: Abrahams trains under Mussabini's watchful eye

More disciplinary problems for Arsenal

## Graham is asked by police to clean up his act

By LOUISE TAYLOR

GEORGE Graham, the Arsenal manager, was asked by police to curb his language on Wednesday night at the Baseball Ground, where the Premier League side drew 1-1 with Derby County in a Cocs-Cola. Cup tie. A torrent of expletives were delivered from the Arsenal bench and Graham was involved in an angry exchange with a police officer at the start of the second half.

Superintendent Roy Bradley, the match commander in charge of security, said yester-"It was necessary to ask some of the Arsenal entourage sitting in the dug-out to curb

their language. But it was nothing more than that and there will be no further action taken. As far as I am aware, there have been no complaints from the public."

More worryingly from Gra-ham's viewpoint. Arsenal players collected three more yellow cards, taking their number of bookings for the season to 27. Graham has demanded meanness from his team and it seems the players are taking

the request literally. Tony Adams, the captain, and David Hillier could both count themselves fortunate not

to be sent off for cynical tackles. But Graham was unperturbed. "There was a lot of physical stuff flying about, but it was only what we expected,"

During his tenure at Highbury, Graham, regarded as a strict disciplinarian, has been no stranger to controversy. He was fined by the chib when the team had two points deducted by the Football League following a mass brawl during a match against Manchester United two seasons ago. Arsenal players had been involved in a similar skirmish during an earlier

game against Norwich City. Gordon Durie, the Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland forward, barned for three games by the Football Association for allegedly feigning injury, yesterday lodged an appeal against his suspension. The ban was due to start on Monday, but will be set aside until the appeal is held next

David Speedie, the Southampton forward who is on loan to Birmingham City. elected for trial by jury on a charge of assaulting a supporter when he appeared before Derby magistrates yesterday. Alex Ferguson is the latest high-profile manager to face disciplinary action over alleged remarks made to a referee. The FA yesterday con-firmed that the Manchester United manager faced a mis-

reserve-team match against Sunderland on October 1. Earlier this week, the Liverpool manager, Graeme Souness, was given a five-match touchline ban by Uefa for "extremely abusive conduct" to a Swedish referee during his side's 4-2 European Cup Winners' Cup defeat by

Spartak Moscow. Sources has

until midnight tonight to

conduct charge for comments made to the Liverpool referee,

John Richardson, during a

lodge an appeal. The Preston referee, Jim Parker, faces an enquiry after a complaint that he swore at a West Bromwich Albion player during a game against Stoke City on September 19. Parker has been suspended by the Football League until the hearing on November 12.

Lewis wins good marks for verbal sparring By Srikumar Sen

BOXING CORRESPONDENT jacket and get down to his "Razor" Ruddock T-shirt. IF LENNOX Lewis can stay as cool in the ring when he meets Donovan "Razor" Rud-Lewis remained unruffled throughout the stuffiest hour of anyone's life in his blue suit dock in the final world heavyweight boxing eliminator at and cream and blue tie. Earls Court in the early hours The nose-to-nose revealed of Sunday morning as he was at the customary "face-to-face" that Lewis was talker by a good

two inches and had a smaller head; but Ruddock had a yesterday, he should come out thicker neck. For the rest, it The basement of the White was the good old-fashioned House at Regent's Park, verbal set-to one can never where the two protagonists take seriously, stage managed most of the time, earnest at met was more like the black hole of Calcutta, so packed was the conference room with pressmen, television crews, 2000 humoured.

Miami: Rodrigo De Triano

and Lester Piggott are favour-

ites to win the \$3 million

Breeders' Cup Classic at Gulf-

stream Park tomorrow follow-

ing an eye-catching workout

on the dirt track here yesterday

Any doubts about the ability

of the 2,000 Guineas and

Charmion Stakes winner to

handle the surface and tight

bends vanished during an

(Richard Evans writes).

photographers and gatehave a steroid test. Lewis As the verbal punch-up inrefused to obey. "My contract tensified, Ruddock became so says everybody must have a hot under his collar, both

steroid test," Ruddock said. As he leaned across the table, his figuratively and literally, that he had to strip off his sponsor's bicens and pecs put his T-shirt under considerable stress. "Are you saying I take

steroid test."

other moments but always Ruddock opened by de-manding that Lewis should steroid test. He should have a

and half furiongs.

Ridden by his regular lad,
Rory O'Dowd, Rodrigo De
Triano railed as though he
had spent all his life on
American track.

Rodrigo De Triano impresses

horses he will be champion of

the world," trainer Peter

Chapple-Hyam told an Amer-

Piggott, who celebrates his

American tracks.

ican television crew.

boxing board. But the last blow was landed by Ruddock. He recalled that the two bours with Mike Tyson had

steroids?" Lewis asked looking trim and most unsteroid-like. "I just want everything to be up and up," Ruddock said in that engaging Jamaican voice. "I don't want anyone in the ring cheating. I've taken the Aids test when I haven't got Aids. I want you to take the

Eyeball to eyeball: Ruddock, left, and Lewis in unblinking confrontation at yesterday's conference to publicise their heavyweight bout

.It did not matter to Ruddock that steroids were not banned by the World Boxing Council, which is the supervising body. Ruddock insisted on Lewis being tested and suggested that he should go out and use a bottle forthwith. said. "It's been done with the

He took to the dirt like a duck

to water. We are knew about

his ability: the only question was whether he would handle

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the surface. Now we know."

not affected him adversely because a year later he knocked out Phil Jackson. previously 25-0, in four rounds. Lewis countered.

easy to beat up ex-sparring partners," the Englishman said. Ruddock brought down the knockout blow. "Oh, it's easy to beat up sparring partners? You used to be my sparring parmer." admitted he had been floored.

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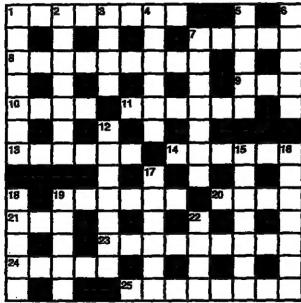
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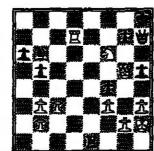
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Kreschmer - Laue. Aisenach 1951. Here white can capture the black queen. which is usually a good idea. Is that the case here?



Solution below.

Solution: capturing the queen would allow black a draw by perpetual check. Instead 1 Qc5! wins, the main point being

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## Electronic line judges get call

BY ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE age of electronic line-calling came a step closer yesterday. After tests on four courts at the recent United States Open, the Tennis Electronic Lines (TEL) system will be installed on the three show courts for the Australian Open next January.

If the experiment proves successful the system could be used fully at a grand slam event within two or three years, Geoff Pollard, the president of Tennis Australia, said. The only officials needed to work with the new system would be the chair umpire and judges for the netcord and the foot fault.

TEL developed in Adelaide, uses sensors under the court to monitor an area approximately a foot either side of the line. Metal particles in the rubber core of the ball disturb a magnetic field. to produce a signal transmitted to a

computer held by the umpire. The computer even makes the call itself, All other calls would be made by the umpire. "it's years ahead of anything else," Pollard said. "Players will now be able to

concentrate more on playing tennis than challenging dubious line-calls." At the US Open, the system was used "live" in the over-35s event and met with a favourable response from competitors. However, the cost of installation -£130,000 for the three courts in Mel-

bourne - might prove prohibitive for any but the biggest tournaments, and the players are adament that if electronic line-calling is the way forward, every court should be computerised.

While John McEnroe and Jim Courier, for example, are in favour of the machine replacing the human eye, many players enjoy emotional contact on court. Electronic machines can make mistakes, people make mistakes, I make mistakes. I need to see someone there on

court," Goran Ivanisevic said. "In principle, we support any system which will make line-calling more accurate." Bill Babcock, of the International Tennis Federation, said yesterday. "But it is up to the individual grand slams." The system has not been tested on day or grass surfaces.

Chris Gorringe, the chief executive of Wimbledon, does not envisage the centre court being dug up and wired in the immediate future, but does not rule out the possibility.

"We will be keeping an eye on experiments. But it would have to be thoroughly tested before we contemplated using it," he said.

"The main aim is to collect data and show players how good it is," Pollard said. "It will not be introduced without full consultation with players and rele-

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